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FIVE ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN BIG NAVAL & AIR BATTLE British Fleet Suffers No Casualties

28 Italian Vessels Seized By America

Guards Places On
Conte Biancamano

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (UP).—The Treasury Department to-day ordered the Coast Guard to seize and take possession of all Italian ships in United States territorial waters; these total 28. This followed an earlier order under which the Coast Guard boarded the ships to prevent sabotage by the crews who are alleged to have made many of the ships dangerously near the sinking stage.

The Coast Guard at Boston has been ordered to place guards on two German freighters but these have not been seized. Soldiers and sailors have boarded the Italian steamer, Conte Biancamano, which is in the Canal Zone.

The Conte Biancamano will be well remembered by Hongkong residents as a regular caller at Hongkong in pre-war days. She was on the Europe-East run and was Lloyd Triestino's latest vessel on the Orient schedule.

Nazi Ship Boarded

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Armed Coast Guards have been seen boarding the German oil tanker Pauline Friederich, of 4,733 tons, in Boston Harbour, Massachusetts, according to the newspaper, "Boston Record."

NEW WORLD BY MR ATTLEE

—Eradicate Fear

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Looking ahead to the day when Britain will have won the war and peace, Mr C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal speaking in Glasgow to-day, predicted that in the new world, war would be abolished and the shameful blot of poverty in the midst of plenty would be removed.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear—of destruction either by war or by want. These are the two things which have oppressed the people of the twentieth century."

Crack New Troops and Airmen Reach Singapore

SINGAPORE, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The first units of the British Army and Royal Air Force to reach the Far East from the United Kingdom since the war began, have arrived in Singapore. This announcement was made to-day by the C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, announcing additional reinforcements.

He added that the majority of the newcomers were of famous Indian regiments. The personnel of the R.A.F. includes some of Britain's crack fighter pilots while the British Army reinforcements include artillery, infantry and mechanized units.

The Indian reinforcements include Punjab, Mussulmans, Rajputs and Dogras as well as troops from India states in both north and south India. After announcing the arrivals to-day, Air Marshal Brooke-Popham declared: "Our greatly increased

LONDON, MAR. 30 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT THREE ITALIAN CRUISERS, FIUME, POLA, AND ZARA, HAVE BEEN SUNK AS WELL AS A LARGE ENEMY DESTROYER AND A SMALLER DESTROYER. THERE WERE NO BRITISH CASUALTIES.

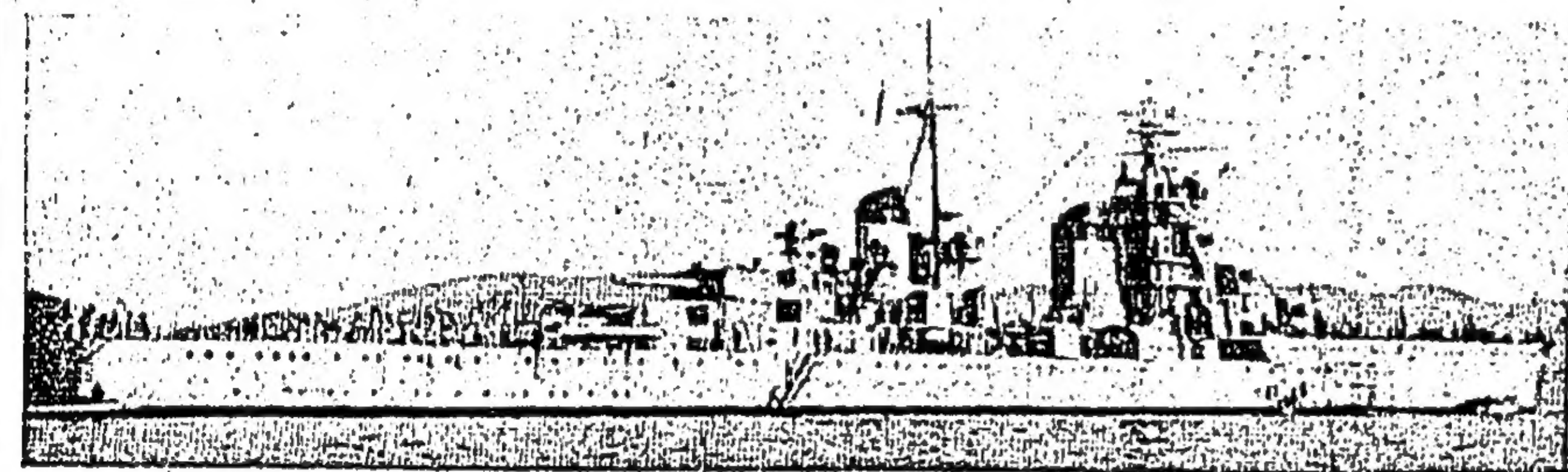
Latest news of the naval and air battle in the Mediterranean shows that Britain has struck the greatest blow of the war at sea.

Five Italian warships—three cruisers and two destroyers—have been sent to the bottom without a single casualty or the slightest damage to the British Fleet.

The news of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's operations is described briefly in the following communique issued by the Admiralty this evening:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that no casualties or damage were sustained by His Majesty's ships throughout the recent operation.

"Some of our aircraft are, however, not accounted for.



The Italian cruiser Zara.

Anglo-French Duel Near Gibraltar

Shore Guns Fire On British Ships

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—An incident in which French shore batteries in Algiers opened fire on some British light naval forces is related in an official communique issued by the Admiralty.

It states: "Reports have been received that a convoy of four merchant ships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that convoy carried important war materials for Germany.

"Accordingly orders were given for intercepting the convoy which, however, passed through the Straits within Spanish territorial waters. Our forces caught up with the French ships after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"The French shore batteries in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships notwithstanding that they were merely engaged in the exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights.

"His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence and hits were observed on the shore batteries.

Escape To Nemours

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries, our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchant ships and their escort, but in the interests of peace, they were ordered to TURN to Back Page, Column 4

KIANGSI VICTORY

Encirclement Of
Japanese

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30 (Central News).—In the Battle of Kiangsi, the Chinese forces have scored a smashing victory over the Japanese, declared the spokesman of the National Military Council in a press interview yesterday.

Among the casualties suffered by the Japanese was one division commander according to Japanese captives.

Three Japanese divisions participated in the recent abortive offensive in northern Kiangsi. Advancing in three routes, the northern column was intercepted at an early stage of the campaign and thrown back with losses, while the central and southern columns pushed forward and penetrated to areas north-east of Shanghai, south-west of Koonan and the southern bank of the Chin River, where they have been dispersed, cut up and decimated.

Held In Net

Surrounded by the Chinese in these areas since March 22, the Japanese continued, the Japanese have made repeated attempts to escape encirclement but so far have been frustrated. The battlefield is strewn with Japanese war dead. Most of the bodies are minus one hand which, according to Japanese captives, has been cut off and taken away as identification of the men killed in action. War booty includes field pieces, machine-guns, rifles and ammunition.

Matsuoka Leaves For Rome

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has left Berlin for Rome.

"So far, it is confirmed that the following Italian warships have been sunk: the eight-inch cruisers Fiume, Pola and Zara; the large destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto; and the destroyer Maestrale.

10,000-Ton Cruisers

"Further details are awaited. The Fiume, which was heavily armed, carried eight 8-inch guns among her armament and her complement was 705 officers and ratings. All the three cruisers were of 10,000 tons.

The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto was completed in 1936 and had a displacement of 1,700 tons and a complement of 157.

The Maestrale had similar armaments but her displacement was 1,500 tons.

Survivors Reach Greece

ATHENS, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Survivors have been landed at Piraeus from three Italian ships sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean by British warships. The three Italian cruisers, Fiume, Pola and Zara, and one Italian destroyer are represented among these survivors. They were brought in by a Greek destroyer.

LATEST

INVASION PORTS ATTACKED

Activity By R.A.F.

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk to-night. Explosions were heard from the British side and fires were seen in the direction of Calais.

Earlier during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except one bomber which was driven off. The swoop of the R.A.F. on the German invasion ports along the French coast to-night was intensive and heavy. Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view. Bombs and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk and clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires while the thud of many heavy explosions could be clearly heard.

TRIPOLI HIT British Bombers In Action

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The important harbour of Tripoli was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday-Saturday. Bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued to-day. It states: "Italian East Africa.—There was further intensive activity by the R.A.F. in the Asmara area yesterday. In the town itself, the main station buildings, trucks, sidings and motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport and troops on the roads in the same area were heavily bombed and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others were damaged.

Free French Airmen

"Aircraft of the Free French squadron took part in the raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara where military buildings were demolished by direct hits.

"North of Dessaye and in the Awash area, considerable damage was done to a large concentration of motor vehicles when they were bombed and machine-gunned.

"The railway station at Metahari was also dive-bombed and the railway line was damaged.

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force carried out successful bombing and machine-gun attacks on motor transport and buildings in the Nagai area. Near Diredawa, motor transport vehicles were overturned and many others were observed to be damaged after a machine-gun attack from the air.

Shipping Damaged

"Libya.—During the night of March 28-29, Royal Air Force bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli. Large bombs were observed to fall among the shipping and others were seen bursting between the wireless station and the main electric power station.

"Albania.—Three successful offensive reconnaissance were made yesterday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukal and Dukali. "From these operations, all our aircraft returned safely."

ENEMY PATROL SHIP SUNK

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—With a single bomb, a Coastal Command Blenheim to-day sank a German anti-submarine vessel off the Estuary of the Loire. The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry. There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.



"He says someone's pinched 'is bike"
—Ted Corfield in the "Sydney Bulletin"

German Army On The Move

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from the south to the north via the Kinajovo road through the suburbs of Sofia, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the independent French agency.

The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwliengrad, on the Bulgo-Turkish frontier.

Atrocity Campaign

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—All German broadcasts to-night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia and it is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaigns preceding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Mobilisation

BELGRADE, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Extra military classes were called up to-night. It is announced that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontiers.

A fifth batch of Italian civilians left by express for Milan last night. Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated that most Germans and Italians here will have left by Tuesday.

Envoy To Turkey

ANKARA, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav Ambassador to Turkey is leaving for Belgrade this evening. It is understood that he has been recalled by his government for consultation.

Frontier Closed

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The German radio to-night reported that the frontier between Yugo-Slavia and Styria (Austria) has been closed by the Yugo-Slav authorities.

Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency. The first special train with some 800 Germans left this evening. Another train leaves early to-morrow morning.

Not only Italian journalists but Italians generally are beginning to leave Yugo-Slavia, according to the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Britain's Air Raid Shelters Sensation

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 30 (UP).—It is reported that the Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr Herbert Morrison, has ordered several hundred public surface shelters in Britain to be pulled down because they are made with faulty mortar and are not even able to withstand the weather. It is understood that the order followed a series of collapses.

The order affects 500 shelters in one town; nearly 60 accommodating 3,000 persons in a town near Birmingham, as well as many at Bristol.

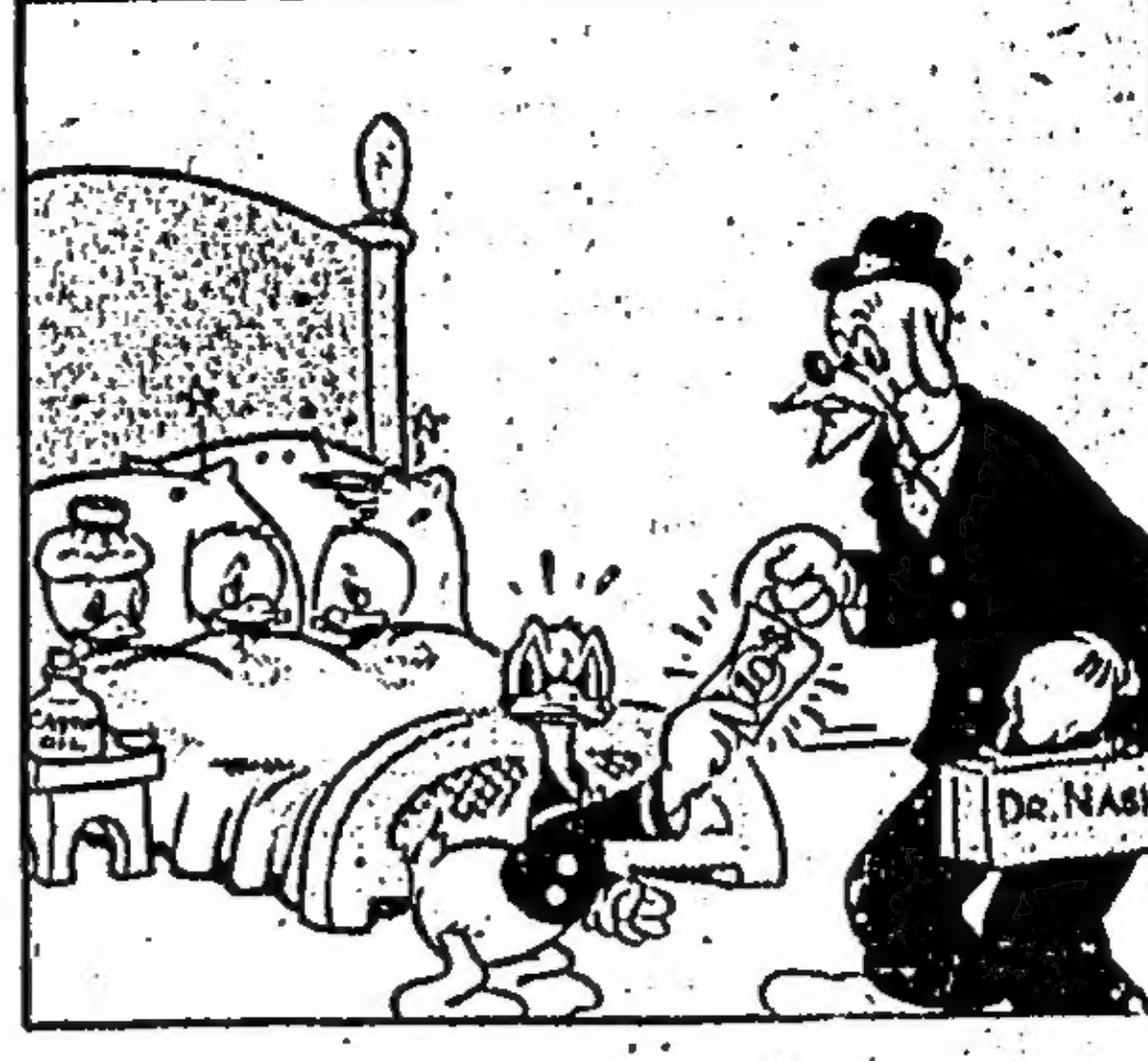
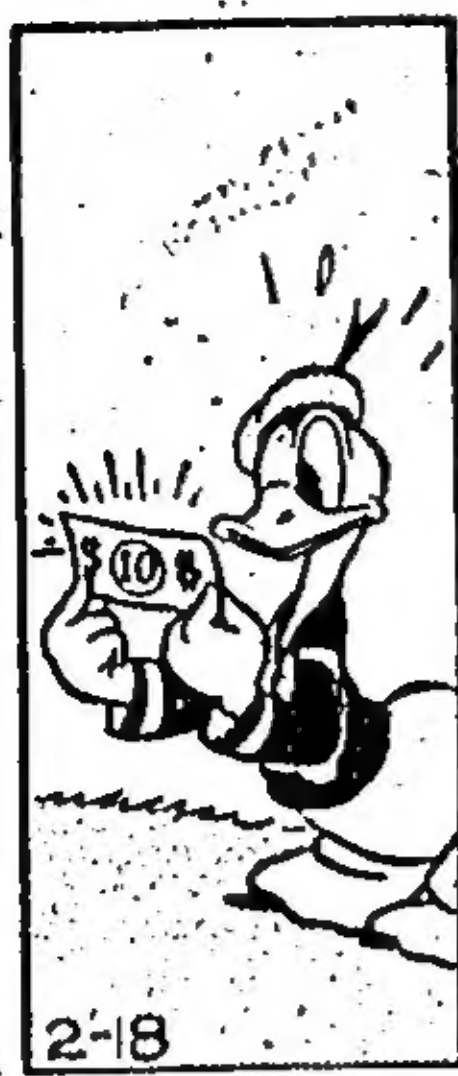
Mr Harold Scott, Chief Administrative Officer of the London shelters told the local authorities: "The Minister of Home Security has decided that all communal public surface shelters built of ungraded lime mortar must be closed." Provincial authorities have been ordered to examine all surface shelters for signs of weakness.

The morning newspapers revealed that these shelters were built 18 months ago at a cost of several million pounds sterling to the specifications of Government experts when there was a shortage of mortar and cement. The experts advised a substitute for the chief components which were lime and sand. The experts then said they were "just as good as cement."

It is reported that these shelters are unable to withstand the blast of even small bombs dropped some yards away. Mr Herbert Morrison, is also considering making it compulsory for everybody in Britain to wear gas masks when away from home as a result of the lackadaisical response to the recent official warnings that the Germans may possibly use gas.

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QUEEN'S EXAMPLE

Archdeacon F. G. Scott, of Montreal, who was a Canadian padre in the last war, has suggested that Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, should ask the King to confer the George Medal on the Queen, whose courage and devotion, he says, are a constant inspiration.

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D. W. MUNTON.

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR.

Manager and Secretary,
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

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Antonio Hosken, a seven-year-old Spanish refugee from Gibraltar, was given a few pennies by his grandmother to buy sweets. He ran across Woburnplace, Holborn, W.C., on his way to the sweetshop and was killed by a bus. "Accidental death" was the verdict at the inquest.

G. R.

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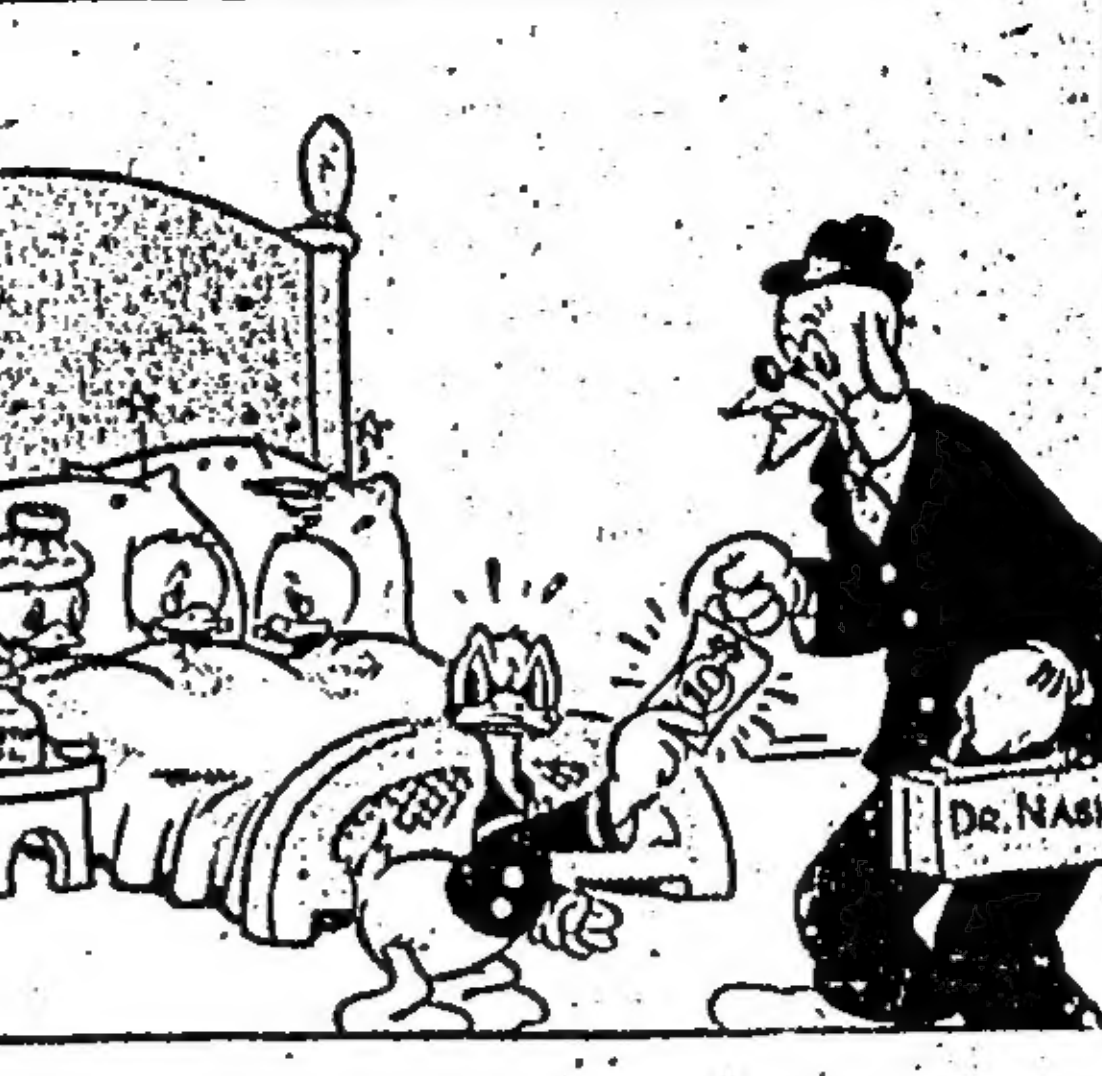
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12.30 Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).

The Spanish Lady (Hughes), Limehouse Reach (Proctor-Gregg), with Orchestra, a Bowl of Punch (Mortimer & Murray), Song of the Buccaneer (Mortimer & Leonard), with Piano acc.

12.40 The Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.

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1.0 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Russian Programme with The Don Cosacks Choir.

The Gate: Festival Dance, An Old Waltz; A Storm, Russian Vagabonds (Salon Orchestra), The Imprisoned Cosacks (Mitschensky), The Don Cosacks Choir, Polka "Ojra" (Russian Air), Rondo A La Turca (Mozart), Russian Balletina Orchestra, Allegro's Song (from "Dobrynia Nikitich"—Gretschanihoff), Two Old Wedding Songs (Gretschanihoff), The Don Cosacks Choir, Russian Potpourri (Michailowsky), Caucasian Potpourri (Iwanoff), Russian Balletina Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Maurice Winck & His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Old Times in Swingtime.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk: "Working Together".

7.30 An Orchestral Programme with Paul Robeson (Bass), Mr. E. T. Hale (Tenor), Tom Jones and His Orchestra, Deep River (Burleigh), Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano, Island—Oriental Fantasy (Balakreiff), New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens, Love Song (film "Sanders of the River").

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. & Chorus, Speakasy—Cuban Dance (Gensler), Odeon Theatre Orchestra, Canoe Song (film "Sanders of the River"), Paul Robeson, (Bass) with Orchestra & Chorus, Mediterranean (Bax), New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.05 Reginald Fort at the Organ.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang".

8.30 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Compositions of Liszt.

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12, Mischke Levitzki (Piano), Consolation No. 3, Natan Milstein (Violin) with Piano, Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem, London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Albert Coates.

10.0 London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 Songs by Lina Fagluighi (Soprano).

"Rigoletto"—Gilda's Aria: Caro nome (Verdi), "I Puritani" (Bellini), Son vergin vezzosa, Qui la voce tua soave, with Orchestra.

10.28 Brahms—Sonata in F Major, Op. 99.

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11.0 Close down.

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ACROSS

1—Perform

2—Makes noise like lion

10—Furrow land

11—Enlarge hole

12—Showiness of achievement

13—Last

17—Hero of Irish myth

18—Subject of discourse

19—Additions to house

20—One who determines sums

22—Small opening

23—Smoking vessel

24—Body of kindred

25—Small variety of snail

26—Members of prominent Scotch family

27—Years of life

31—Wear away

32—Trap

33—Louse eggs

34—Get out of way of

35—Pierce, as with spear

42—Makes level

43—Religious images

44—Cloth and handle for scrubbing

47—Means of relieving pain

48—Elegant-like mammal

51—Reddish color

52—Van

53—Top of head (pl.)

54—Superiority over competitor (pl.)

55—Drink excessively

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

4—Part-colored Mexican blanket

5—Banks of porpoises

6—Yellow color

7—Strong drink (pl.)

8—Orally

9—Ferrous metal

10—Adorning, as oneself

11—Spoke, unintelligibly

12—Look at in admiration

13—Where sun sets

14—Herring-like fish

15—Bovine ruminant

16—Cred

17—Pieces of glass

18—Pointed arch

19—Measured

20—Call forth

21—Units name

22—Mistake

23—Broke slowly

24—Greenish color

25—Those who growl

26—Perplex

27—Arrest

28—Sodium chloride

29—Tends forth

30—Round, as ball

31—Rectangular framed piece

32—Pack away

33—System of signals

34—Poisonous animal

35—Official endorsement

36—Denial

37—British Foreign Secretary

38—Clapnetted

39—Reclined in chair

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LEGAL FOG

THE ordinary citizen has often wondered why Acts of Parliament and Departmental edicts must be clothed in language that he cannot understand—language that often puzzles lawyers themselves and causes endless litigation. There seems to be no escape from this legal fog, though no one can give a satisfactory explanation of why it should be so.

The latest triumphs of the Circumlocution Office are found in the War Damage Bill which, since its importance to millions of people is so obvious, should surely be expressed in the clearest language. One who has been studying the Bill quotes the following as legal language at its worst:—

"For the purpose of the preceding paragraph of this part of this schedule the proportion appropriate as at any date to a tenancy which at that date had still to run any period specified in the first column of the table set out in part two of this schedule is the proportion specified in relation to that period in that one of the succeeding columns of the table which corresponds with the proportion which the rent payable under the tenancy bears to the land comprised therein."

Some time ago the Prime Minister appealed for simple, direct language in official documents. There is little evidence that the advice has been taken to heart, or that the Departments have produced any rivals to Mr Churchill's own pointed, colourful style. As for the draughtsmen of Parliamentary Bills, they will presumably be the last to surrender to the simpler English movement. This would be the easier to understand if they always achieved 100 per cent. clarity, which they seldom do.

Paragraphs like that quoted strengthen the case for a separate Scottish measure, which, because of the wide differences of the legal codes of the two countries in relation to property, seems to be essential. In any case, if Parliament does not succeed in linking the Bill into understandable shape, thousands of bomb victims may be seriously affected in their pockets. That would be a poor foundation for the "new Britain" which it is hoped to build after the war.—*The Evening Dispatch.*

OUR NEW GREAT ARMY—SECOND ARTICLE

By

H. V. Morton

WARFARE in 1941 is not really as new and unorthodox as it may seem.

Only the weapons are new. Otherwise, the war itself is a return to old-time methods—to movement and surprise, to ambushes and spies, to generals in the front line.

Saul, Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar would have understood it much better than, say, General Gamelin did.

And the Army we have created to fight this war, the second great citizen army in a quarter of a century, is now fully trained or in training.

It is an Army of 2,000,000 men, and is representative of the nation. It contains all fit men, not in essential war industries, between the ages of 20 and 34.

And as the age groups fall to the older categories more and more there are notable differences. The world has moved fast in twenty-five years, civilian backgrounds and proved civilian abilities become incorporated in this great force.

What is this Army of 1941 like, and how does it differ from the Army of 1914?

A man who knew the old Army well, and is now training the new one, said this to me: "Since Hitler came to power German youth has fire power of one of Wellington's battalions; and that is war. War and the Army—individuality."

"Our own young men have kirk I noticed that men I lived in a country which has known in the B.E.F. had not only striven to keep the peace, but has extolled all the arts of peace.

No Illusions

"They are without illusions. They are grim realists. Young Germans may discover that war is not all their leaders have cracked it up to be; our boys have no romantic illusions, and are therefore dangerous.

"So far as character goes, this Army is similar to the last one. How could it fail to be so? Our younger soldiers are the sons and the



Militiamen, newly called up, report for duty, leaving their civilian lives behind them.

Watchwords: ATTACK! SPEED! ORGANISATION!

grandsons of the men of 1914-18.

"The solid core of their character is the same, but there are notable differences. The world has moved fast in twenty-five years, civilian backgrounds and proved civilian abilities become incorporated in this great force.

"They are better educated than their fathers.

"They are infinitely more technical.

"They possess a qualification which is very necessary in days when one private soldier with an automatic weapon can command the power of one of Wellington's battalions; and that is war. War and the Army—individuality."

"Many had been infuriated by the sight of machine-gunned women and children, and all longed only to get to grips with the enemy again.

Coupled with this was the feeling that man for man, the British soldier was more than a match for his adversary. I asked if the Army still felt like that.

"The B.E.F. considered that it never had a fair chance," he replied, "and the longing it felt after Dunkirk, and still feels, to show the enemy what it can do, runs right through the Army from top to bottom.

"When the history of this war comes to be written one of the

biggest stories of the year 1940 will be the way Industry has re-equipped the Army.

"I mean the way the factories and the workshops have poured out munitions and guns, tanks, lorries, and every conceivable object until at this moment the Army need no longer think in terms of withdrawals to prepared positions.

"The defensive school of thought is dead and done for: the British Army to-day is thinking in terms of attack."

What It's Doing

I then said that, in spite of the fact that 2,000,000 men are under arms in Britain, the Army is strangely elusive and secretive. What is it doing?

"The Field Army, which is the trained army ready to go into action at any moment, is still in training," he replied, "for no army can be too highly trained. All other troops are in various stages of training, and, as they become proficient, are drafted into the Field Army, which is consequently growing larger every day.

"On the Continent the work of building up an army numbered by the million is the work of years under easy peace time conditions.

"The British Army is faced in with the task of achieving in almost as many months the same professional standard of discipline, training and organisation.

Two Millions

"The two million men now under arms are not—apart from certain specialised contingents—being trained for any special

BURNS ON THE WAR

He had a Word for It

AMERICA'S greatest woman commentator has done well to remind us that all the poets of the world are in arms against Hitler. If Robert Burns had been alive to-day he would have been in the very front of that assembly. For he had—notwithstanding popular belief to the contrary—a sound fund of downright commonsense, and his opinions on the great political moves of his time are always full of interest.

Often they are richly suggestive, and it is not surprising that, when we delve into his pages we find many words which are so applicable to the present crisis that they might have been written yesterday.

"Have you ever my dear Sir," Burns wrote to George Thomson, "felt your bosom ready to burst with indignation on reading of those mighty villains who divide kingdom against kingdom, desolate provinces, and lay nations waste, out of the wantonness of ambition, or often from still more ignoble passions?"

Fate Of Empires

That might have been a criticism of Hitler's policy. Or the lines which he wrote for Miss Fontenelle at Dumfries in the year 1793 could have been suggested by the events of the past twelve months:

Europe's eye is fix'd on mighty things,
The fate of Empires and the fall of Kings;

While quacks of State must each produce his plan.
To the Earl of Buchan, in the year 1794, Burns indited a letter which is an admirable summing up of the present situation: "On the one hand

Goebbels he would have reminded that:

Facts are chiefs that winna ding,
An' downa be disputed.
On the notorious German propensity for hiding the truth our poet would have commented: There's nae ever feared that the truth should be heard But they wham the truth wad indite.

To the humourless Nazis who pose as the liberators of oppressed nations. Burns would address himself: O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us! It wad frae monie a blunder free us And foolish notion

The Fairest Flower

The ruthless treatment of the Jews would have roused the anger of the poet, who was always the champion of the oppressed peoples. "Man's inhumanity to man, makes countless thousands mourn."

Faced with the threat of German invasion, his words would have leapt to life: The Nith shall run to Corsicaen,
And Criffell sink to Solway.
Ere we permit a foreign foe On Britain's ground to rally.

Mussolini he would have warned: Ambition is a meteor gleam,
Fame an idle restless dream;
Peace the tenderest flower of spring.

Above all, he would have been staunchly at one with his countrymen in their fight against the new tyranny which has darkened Europe: In the cause of right engag'd Wrongs injurious to redress, Honour's war we strongly waged, For promis'd joy.

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mission, in any particular part of the world.

"They are being trained as an army; an army capable of taking on any job of work in face of any enemy in whatsoever part of the world the Empire's war effort may demand it.

"It is being trained, in the largest sense of the word, for triumph on the field of battle.

"At the present time no man can say where will be the decisive battlefield of this war, but if that decisive battle assumes the form of large-scale land operations the British Army will take the stage—and lead the attack.

"Is anyone in the Army guilty of the well-known sin of thinking in terms of the last war?"

"No one in authority. This is a new Army and a new War. The sovereign quality of warfare to-day is speed.

"The tempo of war in 1914-18 was to be measured in terms of yards per annum; to-day it is to be measured in terms of miles per day.

"This speed is reflected in every phase of the Army's training. This is also a war of technicians. It demands more from the individual than any previous war.

"It is a war of organisation. Behind every soldier are many more civilian workers necessary to his efficiency than ever before. Industry and the Army are two sides of the same coin.

New Training

"We have learned much from the war on the Continent, though some new phases of Army training are still on the secret list, and cannot be discussed.

"The new Army Air Co-operation Command is perfecting immediate bomber support for forward units based on German methods in Poland and France.

"The lesson of the dive bomber has not been lost on us, and it may be interesting to note that dive bombing, like the tank, is a British invention!

"The first dive bombing was carried out in the last war by British aircraft operating against the Senussi in the Western Desert.

"Other activities are a link-up between the air arm and artillery. I have said enough to prove that the British Army has not been wasting its time since the Battle of Britain began."

All Changed

"And what of the German Army?"

"Apart from its armoured divisions, there is no evidence to suggest that it is in any way comparable to the German Army, 1914-18, which the British Army soundly thrashed in the field.

"Its successful invasion of Western Europe was an operational and administrative triumph, but the German Army was never called upon to stand up to the only test that matters—the test of prolonged battle.

"It was also never called upon to stand up to an army that was not afraid of it."

So those of us who remember 1914 can look with affection and admiration on the Army of 1941, conscious at the same time that we can give our sons no advice because this time War, Army—everything—is different.

TO-MORROW:

A Visit to a Young Soldiers' Battalion

A. W.

STREET GUARDS

Auxiliary Force On Duty

Appointed special constables on enrolment, Hongkong's Street Guards, who are being supplied with uniforms, truncheons and police whistles, commenced their duties in 12 Districts of the Island last Friday week, March 21.

These Street Guards are required to cover a three hours beat at a time. To date there are 177 men on duty, with another 55 to commence tomorrow, April 1.

At the present time the Street Guards are patrolling Jervois Street, Connaught Road Central, Wellington Street, Des Voeux Road West, Lindhurst Terrace, Queen's Road West, Queen's Street, Wing Kut Street, Hollywood Road, Queen's Road Central, Des Voeux Road Central and Bonham Strand.

As from to-morrow, four more streets will be added, with an additional 65 Street Guards reporting for duty. These streets will be Kennedy Town (near wholesale market), Belcher's Street, Des Voeux Road West and Connaught Road West.

In another week's time it is hoped to have uniforms ready for a further 70 or 80 Street Guards.

Rotary Flag Day

British And Chinese Relief

The Flag Day organised by the Hongkong Rotary Club for the purchase of mobile canteens and ambulances for Britain and China was one of the most successful in the history of the Colony. Nearly 700 women and girls collected about \$8,000 in street sales alone, an excellent record for any flag day in the Colony.

A further sum of approximately \$7,500 was received by Sir Athol McGregor, the Treasurer, in reply to letters sent out a few days previously appealing for contributions. Those who sent remittances were given a metal badge with the Rotary emblem on it, which they wore in place of the flags sold on the streets.

A feature of the flag day was that it was a joint collection for British and Chinese war relief, and the public response to Sir Athol McGregor's appeal the previous night from ZBW, and Mr Ngan Shing-kwan's radio appeal in Chinese, was most gratifying. Half the total amount collected will be given to the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and the balance for the purchase of mobile canteens and ambulances for air raid victims in Britain.

Although the success attained by the Rotary campaign so far has been very gratifying, a disappointing feature of the flag-day was that although several thousands of letters of appeal were sent out to prominent people in the Colony, only some 500 odd responded with donations. The total amount received by Sir Athol McGregor in cheques and cash, \$7,500, brings the total of the flag day campaign to about \$15,000.

WAVELL'S MEN GIVE £17,000

General Sir Archibald Wavell's men, whose lightning victories in Africa have stirred the world, have sent £17,000 for victims of Nazi air raids in Britain.

The Lord Mayor of London has received the amount from General Wavell and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore.

The money, it was stated, had been contributed by all ranks "as an expression of the pride and admiration with which we view the courage and tenacity of the civilian population in the United Kingdom."

DANISH VESSELS

May Sail To U.S.A. From Manila

Washington, Mar. 29. According to very reliable sources close to the Maritime Commission, four Danish ships at present at Manila have been given tentative permission to sail to the United States with cargoes of essential materials, mostly chrome.

Informed diplomatic circles believe this permission may develop into a formula for the disposal of 42 Danish merchant vessels tied up at United States harbours.

Officials of the Commonwealth of the Philippines had sought permission to transfer the ships to Philippine registry and to sail them on Philippine-American trade routes under the Philippine flag, but the British refused, pointing out that this transfer would constitute an evasion of international law, and threatened to seize the vessels as war prizes.

However, it is reported that the British lately have agreed to permit the vessels to sail to the United States. It is not possible to ascertain what will be the disposition of the vessels after arrival in the United States.—United Press.

Malaria in H.K.

Malaria is one of the tropical diseases well known in China. The patient shivers, has a high temperature and suffers badly at a regular interval of time.

In fact, the carrier of Malaria is the mosquito that breeds in the streams and other collections of water. It hides in the dark in day-time and gets out for a blood meal after sunset. If it happens to get the blood of a Malaria patient, it gets infected. After some time, people bitten by the infected mosquito get infected and infect other mosquitoes. In this way, Malaria spreads.

The steps of anti-Malaria measures are to get rid of all collections of water to prevent mosquito breeding, and to cure every patient to give no chance for the mosquitoes to get infected. If people can stay inside a proper mosquito-proof house or in a mosquito net, or in other words, keep away from mosquito bites after sunset till the next morning, there is no danger of their getting Malaria in any area in which they reside.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says: The market continues firm with a general demand for leading shares.

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,335
Bank of East Asia \$70
Canton Ins. \$222.50
Union Ins. \$430
H.K. Fire Ins. \$182
Indo-China (Pref.) \$80
Wharves X.D. \$50
Docks X.D. \$15.55
Providents \$5.30
Hotels \$3.15
Lands \$32
Humphreys \$6.70
Realities \$3
Trans \$16.40
Yau-mat Ferry \$23.75
Lights "O" \$6.20
Lights "N" \$1.75
Electric C. Rts. \$30.50
Macao Electric "O" \$18.25
Macao Electric "N" \$17.25
Telephones "O" X.D. \$23.30
Telephones "N" X.D. \$8.90
Cements \$17.50
Ropes \$6.00
Watsons X.D. \$9.70
Entertainments X.D. \$6.30

Sellers
H.K. Fire Ins. 186
Providents \$5.35
Telephones "O" X.D. \$23.50

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MEANT MUCH TO HIM—Faces show unrestrained emotion as the last parade of regimental flags is held in Marseilles, France, before the regiments were disbanded, symbolic of Franco's fall. The man in foreground is overcome.

Nazis Are Plotting Hungarian Revolt

An imminent, Nazi-inspired uprising of the Hungarian Arrow Cross (Fascist) Party, whose black list promises a blood-bath even more terrible than that of the Rumanian Iron Guard, has recently alarmed Hungarian Government circles.

Maj. Ferenc Szalasi, leader of the Arrow Cross, intends to stage a revolt that will wipe out all opposition, including Regent Horthy, Premier Teleki and other members of the present government, according to a New York message.

Hitler appears to have lost patience with his junior Axis partner, which still allows a group of anti-German politicians, headed by the former Premier, Count Stephen Bethlen, and Karolyi Rassy and Tibor Eckhardt, Agrarian Party leader, to criticise the policy of riding on the Nazi bandwagon.

Public resentment against the Hungarian-German alliance, reflected in the liberal press, is growing daily. Students, hitherto enthusiastic Nazis, are demonstrating constantly against German infiltration which has reduced Hungary to the status of a vassal state.

Fascist Released
On several occasions police have had to break up groups of students who climb flag poles in an attempt to tear down Nazi and Fascist flags. Maj. Szalasi was recently released from prison, and since the signing of the Axis alliance, has lost most of the former support of students, state officials and members of the middle class. The Nazis also have begun to throw their support on the side of Bela Imredy, former Right Wing Premier, who resigned in February, 1939, on learning that his grand-children were Jewish. He always has been a fierce exponent of Nazi doctrines.

Horthy's Aides
Pressure from Berlin has caused the removal of several trusted aide-de-camps of Admiral Horthy's military suite. Col. Ladislav Magaszhazi, for instance, has been forced to quit his post because of his well known anti-Nazi sentiment. And Hungary's Regent is now surrounded by military aides recommended by the Wilhelmstrasse.

Neutral diplomats and newspapermen were surprised to see new and unknown faces among the large delegation of military observers that accompanied Premier Teleki when he signed the Axis pact in Vienna.

Horthy Anti-Axis
The message reveals that Reichswacht "Instructors" have been assigned to the Hungarian General Staff and to the commanders of all army divisions. Gen. Keresztes-Fischer, brother of the Hungarian Interior Minister, has been dismissed from his post for publicly expressing his resentment at being "instructed" by Prussian militarists.

The Nazis know that Admiral Horthy is strongly anti-Axis and somewhat pro-British in his foreign policy. Hitler knows that he cannot expect full co-operation from Hungary with Admiral Horthy and others in the saddle.

Berlin cannot forget Admiral Horthy's speech delivered shortly before his visit to Germany in 1938—"I remind the extremists (Arrow Cross Party) within Hungary that I am able to deal with rebels as they deserve and I warn outside forces (Germany) not to interfere."

The Arrow Cross revolt, according to the report, is a distinct probability—possibly a matter of weeks.

New Colossus Of The Air

American Super-Bomber

According to recent reports from Washington, D.C., Army and Navy engineers have created a super-bomber on paper which dwarfs anything now in the air.

One of these planes, which would cost about U.S. \$9,000,000 to build, would be able to carry a useful load of 175,000 pounds, or a load of 50 tons of bombs on flights up to 3,000 miles. Its four engines would develop a total of 28,000 horse-power and enable the huge plane to attain speeds up to 300 miles per hour.

Officials declined to state if and when actual work would begin on this colossus of the air.

Anniversary Of Death Of 72 Martyrs

The anniversary of the death of the 72 Chinese Martyrs was observed on Saturday by Chinese schools and institutions in Hongkong. Chinese national flags were flown at half-mast and Chinese schools declared a holiday.

The 72 martyrs were killed in 1911, during the revolutionary uprising in Canton to overthrow the Manchu Government. The martyrs were all followers of the late Dr Sun Yat-sen. A mass meeting, in which more than 2,000 students participated, was held during the morning on the Public Recreation Ground at Sai Yee Street, Hongkong, Kowloon.

A flag-raising ceremony was followed by the singing of the Chinese National Anthem and a three-minute silence in remembrance of the martyrs.

Mr Koik Siu-wah, who presided, gave an address which was followed by a spectacular mass drill. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Martyrs' Song.

A number of Chinese organisations held a joint meeting at the Overseas Chinese Library, Bank of Canton Building, which was attended by some 200 people. Mr Kan Yau-man, well-known Chinese writer, presided and made a review of the history of the death of the martyrs.

Suez Canal Difficulties

Unable to pay in gold

The Suez Canal Company has announced its inability to meet its financial obligations on a gold franc basis until further notice.

Instead of paying bondholders in gold—as was required by a decision of the Mixed Court of Appeal at Alexandria on Feb. 24, 1940—the company has been authorised by the Egyptian Government to pay coupons due at the rate of 3.8575 piastres to the franc. This order also applies to the repayment of bonds.

As is generally known, the company's difficulties arise entirely from the virtual closure of the Mediterranean shipping route and the diversion of vessels bound to and from the Far East to the Cape passage. While the company is thus handicapped, South Africa generally, and Cape Town particularly, profit largely from the diversion.

Cape Town Boom

Cape Town itself is reported to be enjoying "a boom such as has not been experienced since the days before the Suez Canal, when the Clipper ships beat around the Cape."

"Despite the war," continues this account, "large quantities of South African agricultural produce were exported last year and shipments to the U.S.A. of South African delicacies increased considerably."

"Trade with the Far East and America has so improved that consideration is given of putting more ships on the Far East and New York services."

"All the Union's ports have experienced enlivened activity and the Merchant Shipping Control Committee has established big reserves of coal and oil for bunkering."

War Aims Statement Imminent

CABINET discussions on an official declaration of British war aims will shortly be concluded, it is reported from London.

This declaration will be published at the earliest opportunity, perhaps in a few weeks.

Individual Ministers have submitted memoranda on aspects of the subject, and consultations have taken place with representatives of the Dominions and of the recognised authorities of our Allies.

An Outline

These consultations have been completed, but the document embodying the final conclusions is not yet in preparation.

While the Government's declaration will go a long way beyond previous official statements on our aims, it can be forecast that it will not extend further than an outline of the broad principles on which this country's war and post-war policy is to be based.

ABYSSINIANS BLACKMAILED Italian Ruse

ITALIANS in East Africa are using a form of blackmail in an endeavour to stem the flow of deserters now coming into our lines.

These desertions are the result of hundreds of thousands of Amharic propaganda leaflets that the R.A.F. has recently been dropping.

Tell of Peace

Italian officers apparently have started telling these Abyssinian conscripts that Italy will shortly make peace with Britain.

Part of the conditions of peace will be an exchange of prisoners.

When this happens, say the officers, Abyssinian soldiers who have been fairly and squarely captured by the British will be well treated.

But deserters will be shot as soon as they are returned to Italian hands.

Ample Stocks Of Whisky

Distilling This Year

Despite the war's effect on United Kingdom food supplies, there will be a Scotch whisky distilling season in 1941.

On this occasion the whisky will be made from barley grown exclusively in the Scottish counties between Kincardineshire and Rosshire, instead, as in previous years, from barley produced by Denmark and Australia.

The season will be a short one of only 12 to 14 weeks, as distillers are restricted to the manufacture of only one-third of their normal production.

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Firing Practice Notified

Firing practice as under is notified for to-day.

(a) Reserved as alternative date between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for heavy anti-aircraft gun practice in the southern area of the Island for practice originally detailed for March 24 and 25 1941. Firing areas "C" will be affected. (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Firing practice as under is notified for to-morrow.

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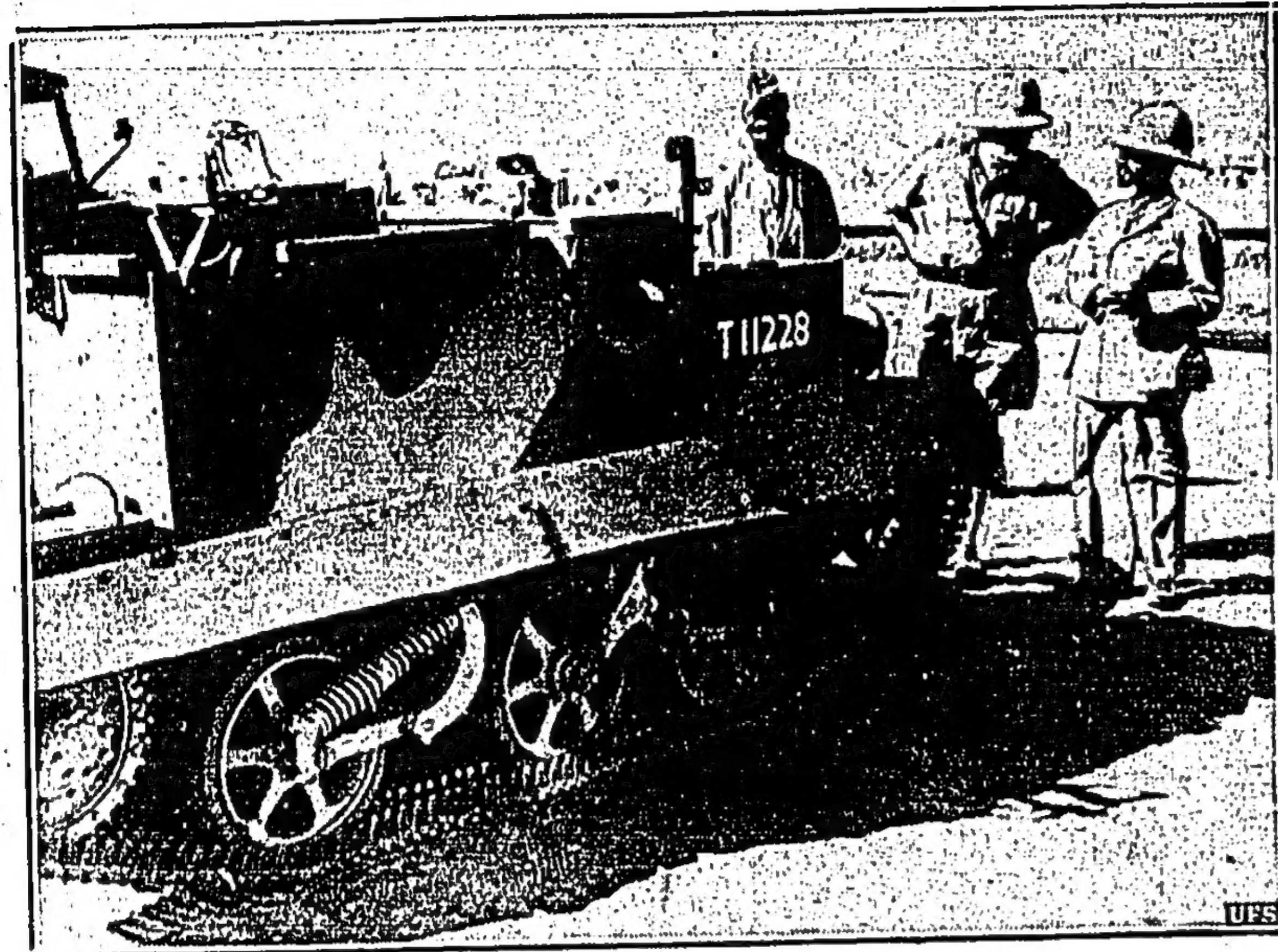
Light gun practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight, on April 2 1941. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice as under is notified for April 3 1941.

(a) Reserved as alternative date between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. for heavy gun practice originally detailed for March 27 1941. Firing areas "D" will be affected. (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice as under is notified for April 4 1941.

(a) Heavy Gun practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Alternative date—April 5 1941. (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.



EMPEROR LOOKS IT OVER—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, right, who is urging his tribesmen to organise and oust the Italians, inspects a Bren gun carrier somewhere in his country. It is part of the equipment for a native battalion led by British officers.

Cholera Incidence Still High

Seventeen cases of Cholera (12 from Victoria, four from Kowloon and one from Shaikwan), two cases of Diphtheria, eight of Dysentery, one case of Typhoid, Measles, and Puertal fever, and 22 of Tuberculosis, were reported on Friday.

The Cholera cases have reached a total of 557.

The Health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended March 22, shows the following cases of infectious diseases: Small-pox, Measles two cases and Shinghal one case.

d'Aquino And Sze Sing In Rose Room

Gaston d'Aquino (tenor) and Y. C. Sze (bass), appeared with Harry Ore (pianist) in a recital in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel.

Harry Ore accompanied the singers and played two numbers.

Sze and d'Aquino gave to their songs fine infection of tone and impetus. d'Aquino's "Il Sogno" from "Manon" and Sze's "I Believe" (Dargomyzhsky) and "La Calunnia" from "Barber of Seville" were exquisitely rendered and deserving of plaudits.

Squall Hits Harbour

Missing And Saved

Forced to abandon their boat when caught in a storm off Stonecutter's Island on Saturday evening, Mr. G. S. P. Heywood, Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory, and Mr. Leslie C. Millington, of the Revenue Office swam ashore through a choppy sea and were picked up by a Police launch in charge of Sergeant Haynes and brought back to Kowloon late the same night. The boat was washed ashore later.

A sampan caught in the same squall was found washed ashore on the Island but there was no sign of the occupants, a man and his wife, who are believed to have been drowned.

A strong wind caused a heavy swell over the harbour on Saturday afternoon and continued till late into the night, with intermittent rain, and many native craft and other small boats, taken almost unawares, had to make hastily for shore and safety.

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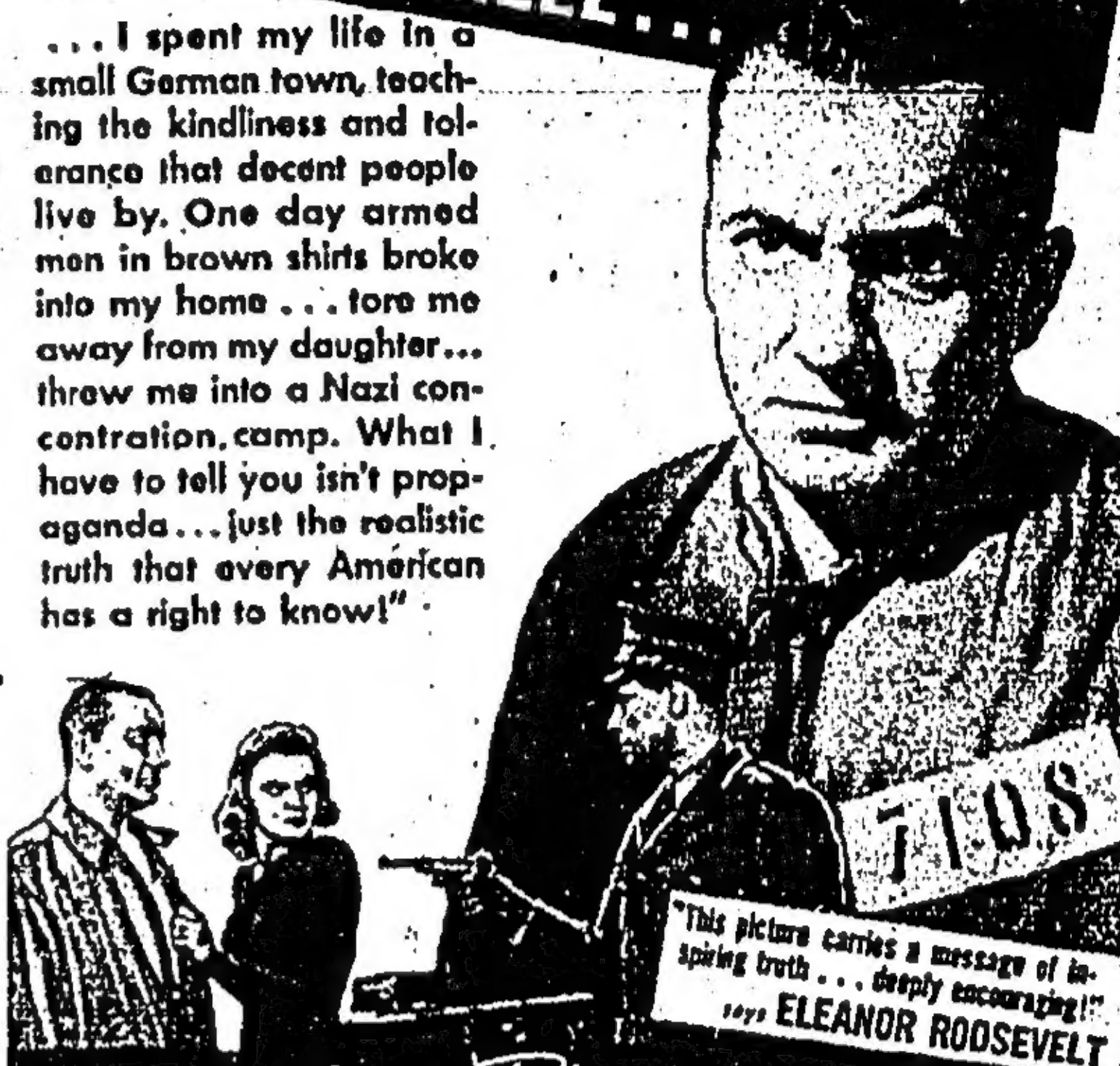
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War Veterans

Many of the military reinforcements from Britain have seen service in this war and they are equipped with the latest British material designed as a result of the lessons learned during the first year of warfare.

Sir Shenton Thomas, the Governor of Singapore, in a broadcast this evening, greeted the reinforcements "cordially and gratefully."

Hundreds of Indians were at the docks to welcome the Indian reinforcement of troops, who appeared extremely fit.

Indian Ceremony

An object of special note on the deck of one transport was reverently guarded, the "Granth Sahib" (the sacred Scriptures of the Hindus), which was escorted ashore with due ceremony.

In his broadcast, Sir Shenton Thomas said it was good to know that in Malaya there was "the same happy combination of British, Australian and Indian units which a few weeks ago had destroyed the Italian armies in Libya."

He welcomed them, he said, because "we wish for peace and strength is the insurance of peace. We have no desire to attack others but we will and can defend ourselves."

Nazi Freighter Leaves Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobscured departure from Shanghai during the week-end of the large German freighter *Ramse*, which had been tied up in the local harbour since the outbreak of war.

The present whereabouts of the *Ramse* are not disclosed but it is unofficially stated that she has headed for Japan.

It is learned that the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities.

Water-front circles in Shanghai believe that the *Ramse*, which is of 7,893 tons, will most probably be converted into a raider.

The only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the Italian *Conte Verde*, of 13,500 tons.

President Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Having concluded his holiday cruise on the Presidential yacht *Potomac*, President Roosevelt to-day left by train for Washington.

NAZI NEWSPAPER ATTACKS BAN ON RAID NEWS

A bitter protest against suppression of the facts about British bombing of Germany is made in the German newspaper "Das Reich."

It says: "British bombers in the past several months have, night after night, persistently bombed the Rhine-Ruhr district."

"The attacks were a very severe test of nerves for the German people, and all the more hard to endure because all this bombing is hardly mentioned in the German press."

Do People Know?

"The inhabitants of the areas often ask themselves: 'Do the people of Berlin and other parts of Germany know how much we stand, spending, as we do, night after night in cellars and being compelled to continue our full day's work?'"

The paper also states: "The amount of endurance of the British people is greater than all the tonnage sunk by Germany."

"Their determination to put up with lack of comforts, loss of property, and rises in prices, is greater than expected."

"It also seems that it is necessary to make clear that England is far from financially exhausted and hope for this is dangerous."

LATE NEWS

Anglo-French Duel

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of humanity did not do so, and the merchant ships succeeded in entering the nearby French port of Nemours in Algeria.

"During the return of our forces to Gibraltar, they were twice attacked by French bomber formations without suffering damage or casualties."

Vichy Version

VICHY, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The French version of the Anglo-French convoy incident says: "A considerable British naval force attacked at 9 a.m. this morning in French territorial waters between Nemours and Oran a convoy of four French merchant ships bound from Casablanca to Oran under an escort of a single French destroyer."

"The convoy took shelter in the port of Nemours under the protection of its escort, naval shore batteries and aircraft which repelled to the fire of the aggressors and drove them off."

"The convoy is safe and unharmed."

Rubber From Bangkok

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—It is revealed in London to-night that at least one of the four French ships challenged by British naval units in the Mediterranean was carrying a cargo of rubber and Germany is very short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles that at least one of these ships sailed from Bangkok with rubber which would inevitably find its way across the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always fully maintained her rights under International Law to search ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany, and it has long been notorious that French merchantmen have been carrying to French metropolitan ports various materials, a high proportion of which was immediately appropriated by Germany.

Strange Attitude

It is considered here a strange reflection of French policy that she should attack British forces at the very time when the British Navy was engaged in destroying the warships of France's enemy, Italy.

Moreover, the French action, as seen in London, appears particularly untimely when Britain has indicated here her willingness to abrogate her international right to the extent of allowing the passage of certain foodstuffs in order to relieve the sufferings in Unoccupied France caused by German rapacity.

Nazi Bomber Downed

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight to-day, one of them crashing near Middleborough, shot down by a Spitfire patrol.

All the crew were killed.

DEATH

SPAFFORD.—On 31st March, 1941, at her residence No. 1, Broadwood Road, Mrs. Balbina Libanija Spafford, mother of Mrs. J. H. Gascon de Bernedo and Mrs. H. M. Xavier. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

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German Army On The Move

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latest reports from Rome, adds the German agency.

No Longer Pro-Axis
LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—"A return to the line of policy agreed to by Yugo-Slavia at Vienna no longer seems possible for the Simovitch Government," declares a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency.

It adds that political circles in Rumania declare, on the basis of information obtained from Belgrade, that "measures adopted by the new government are assuming a more pronounced anti-Axis tendency."

"Irresponsible fanatics" have caused this, declares the agency which adds, "A grave impression was made by the flight of persons of German origin from Yugo-Slavia to Rumania."

Anti-Italian Gestures
The German radio reports anti-Italian demonstrations last night in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia but on the other hand the agency reports "perfect order and quiet" in Zagreb where leaders of the Croat peasant party are conferring on the situation under the presidency of Dr. Mathek.

The Ban (Governor) of Croatia, Mr. Spasich, whom Mathek sent to Belgrade on behalf of the Croats, has returned to Zagreb where he immediately conferred with Mathek.

A Belgrade telegram to the official Italian agency tells of the arrests of pro-Axis journalists, including Gregorich, the Director of the pro-Axis newspaper "Vreme."

News from Yugo-Slav sources in Belgrade emphasizes that popular enthusiasm is being kept strictly within the limits of order and discipline.

The Simovitch Government is dealing with current business, particularly the budget.

Status Of Croats
VICHY, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Dr. Mathek, the Croat leader and first Vice-Premier of the new Yugo-Slav Cabinet, is expected to return to Belgrade from Zagreb on Tuesday, according to a Belgrade dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

He has been away from the capital since the coup d'etat on Tuesday and has not yet formally indicated his acceptance of office as Vice-Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet, but the despatch says that he has now agreed in principle to participate in the new government on receiving assurances that there will be no change in the status of Croatia which was granted a measure of autonomy in 1939.

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KING'S PRAISE Indians At Keren

NEW DELHI, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the Viceroy: "I heartily congratulate India on the part her armed forces have played in the capture of Keren. This victory in the face of heavy odds has added fresh laurels to India's military renown."

The Viceroy replied, "Your Majesty's gracious words will be most deeply valued by all ranks in the Indian armed forces and will be of the greatest possible encouragement to them."

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (UP).—The Treasury Department to-day ordered the Coast Guard to seize and take possession of all Italian ships in United States territorial waters; these total 28.

This followed an earlier order under which the Coast Guard boarded the ships to prevent sabotage by the crews who are alleged to have made many of the ships dangerously near the sinking stage.

The Coast Guard at Boston has been ordered to place guards on two German freighters but these have not been seized. Soldiers and sailors have boarded the Italian steamer, Conte Biancamano, which is in the Canal Zone.

The Conte Biancamano will be well remembered by Hongkong residents as a regular caller at Hongkong in pre-war days. She was on the Europe-East run and was Lloyd Triestino's latest vessel on the Orient schedule.

Nazi Ship Boarded

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Armed Coast Guards have been seen boarding the German oil tanker Pauline Frederick, of 4,733 tons, in Boston Harbour, Massachusetts, according to the newspaper, "Boston Record."

NEW WORLD BY MR ATTLEE

—Eradicate Fear

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Looking ahead to the day when Britain will have won the war and peace, Mr C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal speaking in Glasgow to-day, predicted that in the new world, war would be abolished and the shameful blot of poverty in the midst of plenty would be removed.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear—fear of destruction either by war or by want. These are the two things which have oppressed the people of the twentieth century."

Crack New Troops and Airmen Reach Singapore

SINGAPORE, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The first units of the British Army and Royal Air Force to reach the Far East from the United Kingdom since the war began, have arrived in Singapore. This announcement was made to-day by the C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, announcing additional reinforcements.

He added that the majority of the newcomers were of famous Indian regiments. The personnel of the R.A.F. includes some of Britain's crack fighter pilots while the British Army reinforcements include artillery, infantry and mechanized units.

The Indian reinforcements include Punjabis, Mussulmans, Rajputs and Dogras as well as troops from Indian states in both north and south India. After announcing the arrivals to-day, Air Marshal Brooke-Popham declared: "Our greatly increased

LONDON, MAR. 30 (REUTERS).—IT IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT THREE ITALIAN CRUISERS, FIUME, POLA, AND ZARA, HAVE BEEN SUNK AS WELL AS A LARGE ENEMY DESTROYER AND A SMALLER DESTROYER. THERE WERE NO BRITISH CASUALTIES.

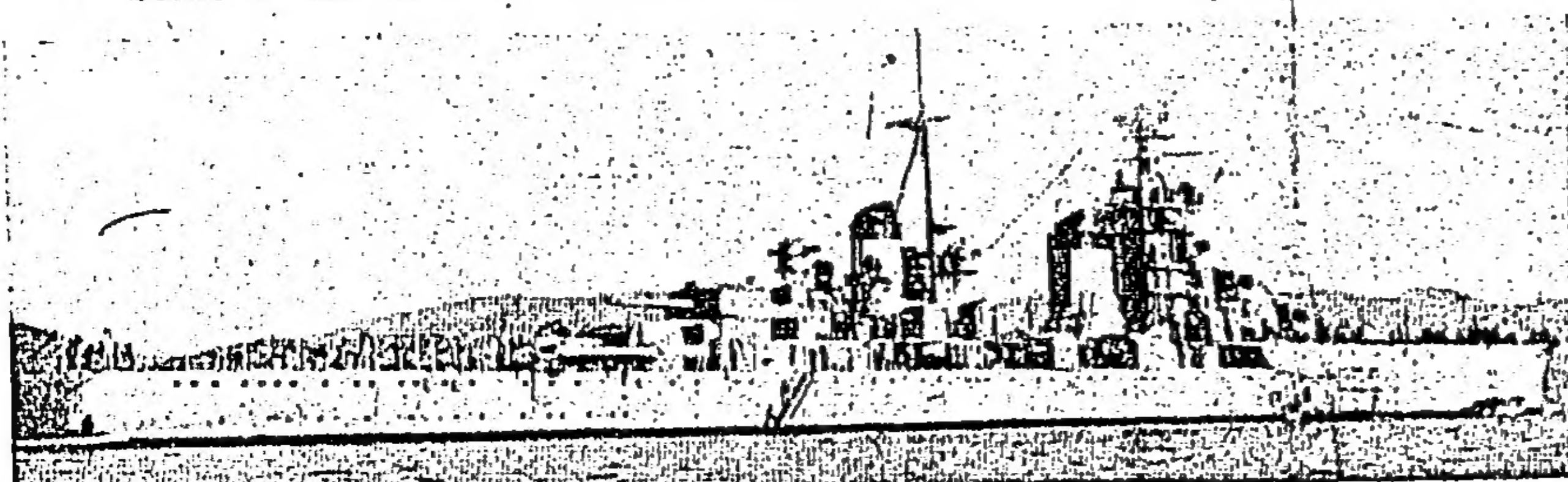
Latest news of the naval and air battle in the Mediterranean shows that Britain has struck the greatest blow of the war at sea.

Five Italian warships—three cruisers and two destroyers—have been sent to the bottom without a single casualty or the slightest damage to the British Fleet.

The news of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's operations is described briefly in the following communique issued by the Admiralty this evening:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that no casualties or damage were sustained by His Majesty's ships throughout the recent operation.

"Some of our aircraft are, however, not accounted for.



The Italian cruiser Zara.

Anglo-French Duel Near Gibraltar

Shore Guns Fire On British Ships

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—An incident in which French shore batteries in Algiers opened fire on some British light naval vessels is related in an official communique issued by the Admiralty.

It states: "Reports have been received that a convoy of four merchant ships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that convoy carried important war materials for Germany."

"Accordingly orders were given for intercepting the convoy which, however, passed through the Straits without incident. The French shore batteries in Algiers fired on the British ships after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"The French shore batteries in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships notwithstanding that they were merely engaged in the exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights.

"His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence and hits were observed on the shore batteries.

Escape To Nemours

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries, our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchant ships and their escort, but in the interests of peace, they refrained from doing so."

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Blasting Towards Asmara

Roads Well Blocked

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The siege tactics around Keren have now given way to warfare in which the work of our Indian sappers is of first importance. Blasting away road blocks which the retreating enemy has placed in the way of the British forces, they are opening the way for a British advance on Asmara.

The Eritrean capital lies in the bowl of the mountains at the end of a winding mountain road that zig-zags through defiles and up the mountain sides to a height of 7,000 feet. The tactics of the withdrawing Italians consist of dynamiting the cliffside, bringing an avalanche on to the highway and creating temporarily an effective block which the enemy covers with machine-guns from the surrounding heights.

Machine-Gun Posts

While our infantry mop up these machine-gun posts, groups of sappers set to work to blast a way through the mass of rock. On the rapidity of their work depends the speed of our advance.

Latest reports indicate that the first big block, 40 miles from Asmara, has been successfully overcome. A military spokesman revealed to-day that one-third of the prisoners taken at Keren are Italians and the rest are natives. He placed the number of Italian dead and seriously wounded at 8,000 or 9,000.

A Royal Navy patrol vessel collided with a junk off Stanley on Saturday night. The sixteen Chinese on board were rescued but the junk was waterlogged. Nobody was injured.

INVASION PORTS ATTACKED

Activity By R.A.F.

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk to-night. Explosions were heard from the British side and fires were seen in the direction of Calais.

Earlier during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except one bomber which was driven off.

The swoop of the R.A.F. on the German invasion ports along the French coast to-night was intensive and heavy. Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view. Bombs and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk and clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires while the thud of many heavy explosions could be clearly heard.

Ships Bombed

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. continuing their policy of seeking out and attacking German shipping off the French and Dutch coasts, have announced that three such ships were machine-gunned and bombed off the Dutch coast in addition to the destruction of the anti-submarine vessel in the Loire Estuary.

TRIPOLI HIT British Bombers In Action

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The important harbour of Tripoli was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday-Saturday. Bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued to-day. It states:

"Italian East Africa.—There was further intensive activity by the R.A.F. in the Asmara area, yesterday. In the town itself, the main station buildings, trucks, sidings and motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport and troops on the roads in the same area were heavily bombed and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others were damaged.

Free French Airmen

"Aircraft of the Free French squadron took part in the raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara where military buildings were demolished by direct hits.

"North of Desays and in the Awash area, considerable damage was done to a large concentration of motor vehicles when they were bombed and machine-gunned.

"The railway station at Metshari was also dive-bombed and the railway line was damaged.

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force carried out successful bombing and machine-gun attacks on motor transport and buildings in the Nagi area. Near Diredawa, motor transport vehicles were overturned and many others were observed to be damaged after a machine-gun attack from the air.

Shipping Damaged

"Libya.—During the night of March 28-29, Royal Air Force bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli. Large bombs were observed to fall among the shipping and others were seen bursting between the wireless station and the main electric power station.

"Albania.—Three successful offensive reconnaissance were made yesterday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukat and Dukat. "From these operations, all our aircraft returned safely."

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News



"He says someone's pinched 'is bike"
—Ted Corfield in the "Sydney Bulletin"

GERMAN ARMY ON THE MOVE

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from the south to the north via the Kinajevro road through the suburbs of Sofia, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French agency.

The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwilegrad, on the Bulgo-Turkish frontier.

Atrocity Campaign

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—All German broadcasts to-night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia and it is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaign preceding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Mobilisation

BEGRAD, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Extra military classes were called up to-night. It is announced that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontiers.

A fifth batch of Italian civilians left by express for Milan last night. Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated that most Germans and Italians here will have left by Tuesday.

Envoy To Turkey

ANKARA, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey is leaving for Belgrade this evening. It is understood that he has been recalled by his government for consultation.

Frontier Closed

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The German radio to-night reported that the frontier between Yugoslavia and Styria (Austria) has been closed by the Yugoslav authorities.

Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency. The first special train with some 800 Germans left this evening. Another train leaves early to-morrow morning. Not only Italian journalists but Italians generally are beginning to leave Yugoslavia, according to the TURN to Back Page, Column 5.

Lupescu Saves Life And Loses Property

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The remaining property in Rumaria belonging to Madame Lupescu, who is accompanying ex-King Carol to Chile, has been confiscated, says a Bucharest message to the German news agency.

Britain's Air Raid Shelters Sensation

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 30 (UP).—It is reported that the Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr Herbert Morrison, has ordered several hundred public surface shelters in Britain to be pulled down because they are made with faulty mortar and are not even able to withstand the weather. It is understood that the order followed a series of collapses.

The order affects 600 shelters in one town; nearly 60 accommodating 3,000 persons in a town near Birmingham, as well as many at Bristol.

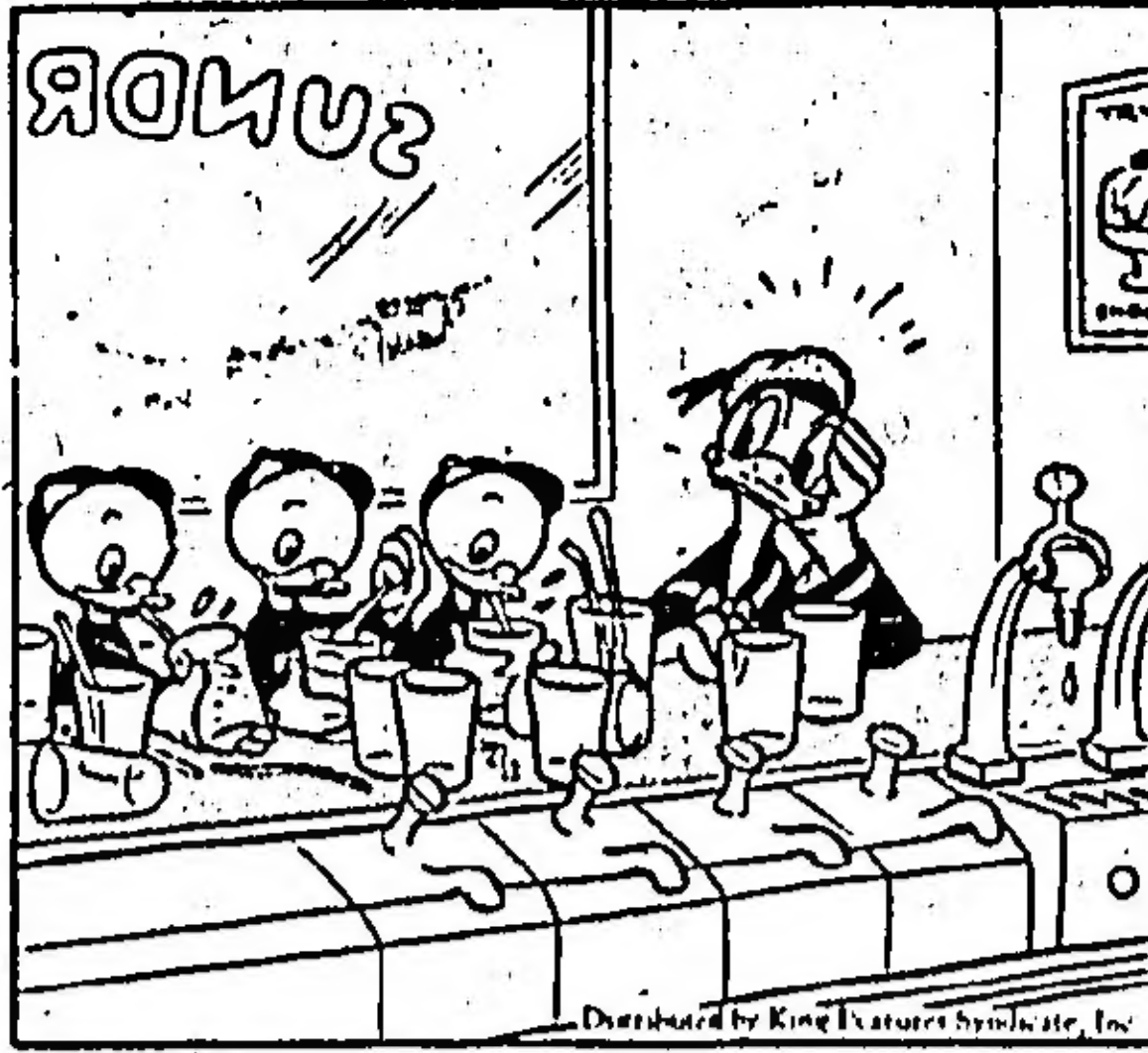
Mr Harold Scott, Chief Administrative Officer of the London shelters told the local authorities, "The Minister of Home Security has decided that all communal public surface shelters built of unglazed lime mortar must be closed."

Provincial authorities have been ordered to examine all surface shelters for signs of weakness. The morning newspapers revealed that these shelters were built 18 months ago at a cost of several million

pounds sterling to the specifications of Government experts when there was a shortage of mortar and cement. The experts advised a substitute for the chief components which were lime and sand. The experts then said they were "just as good as cement."

It is reported that these shelters are unable to withstand the blast of even small bombs dropped some yards away. Mr Herbert Morrison is also considering making it compulsory for everybody in Britain to wear gas masks when away from home as a result of the lackadaisical response to the recent official warnings that the Germans may possibly use gas.

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16 cents per copy

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25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao
14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

QUEEN'S EXAMPLE

Archdeacon F. G. Scott, of Montreal, who was a Canadian padre in the last war, has suggested that Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, should ask the King to confer the George Medal on the Queen, whose courage and devotion, he says, are a constant inspiration.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,

Manager.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

DIED FOR BAG OF SWEETS

Antonio Hesken, a seven-year-old Spanish refugee from Gibraltar, was given a few pennies by his grandmother to buy sweets. He ran across Woburnplace, Holborn, W.C., on his way to the sweetshop and was killed by a bus. "Accidental death" was the verdict at the inquest.

G. R.

A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade Rules.

Particulars of service, etc. may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application, in writing, for the post, should reach that Officer by noon, Monday, 7th April, 1941.

Applicants must be British subjects and of British race.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Issue of 600,000 new ordinary shares of \$10 each

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

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21st March, 1941.

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NOTICE

The China Emporium,

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(March 31st) for AN-

NUAL STOCK TAKING,

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12.30 Songs by Stuart Robertson

(Baritone).
The Spanish Lady (Hughes), Lin-

house, Hush (Proctor-Gregg), with

Orchestra, a. a. Bowl of Punch

(Mortimer & Murray), Song of the

Buccannier (Mortimer & Leonard),

with Piano acc.
12.40 The Aldershot Command

Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.
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Eastern Commands.
1.0 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Russian Programme with The

Don Cossacks Choir.
The Gate; Festival Dance, An Old

Waltz; A Storm, Russian Vagabonds

(Salon Orchestra), The Imprisoned

Cossacks (Nikolsky), The Don

Cossacks Choir, Polka 'Ojra' (Russian

Air), Rondo A La Turca (Mozart),

Russian Balalaika Orchestra, Aljos-

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litsch' Gretschaninoff), Two Old

Wedding Songs (Gretschaninoff),

The Don Cossacks Choir, Russian

Potpouri (Michailovsky), Caucasus

(Ippolitoff Iwanoff), Russian Balala-

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1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press and

Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music by Maurice Win-

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2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Old Times in Swingtime.
7.0 London Relay—The News.

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7.30 An Orchestral Programme

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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Canton Apr. 1.
Australia, Rangoon and Manila, Apr. 1.
Rangoon and Straits Apr. 2.
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Sandakan Apr. 5.
Sandakan Apr. 5.
Sawtooth Apr. 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March) Apr. 11.
Calcutta and Straits Apr. 12.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Monday, Mar. 31

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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco 4.30 p.m.

K. P. O.

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Ord. Mar. 31, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

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Ord. Mar. 31, 7.00 p.m.

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Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

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Reg. Apr. 1, 2.00 p.m.
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Ceylon, India and East Africa. 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta. 3.30 p.m.

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Reg. Apr. 1, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 1, 7.00 p.m.

Canton 7 p.m.

Friday, April 4

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya. 8.30 a.m.

Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco-Marques, and South Africa. 8.30 a.m.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

March 24

Y.M.C.A. Meeting. "During the last runner-up, by F. Koh in the senior portion of the year we were working singles." At a loss, and the profit shown in large. Au's defeat was largely due to his lack of the current year's earnings, especially in the second period. We are now living on our set, whereas his opponent played a reserves and judging by the loss on steady game throughout.

Sunday

March 23

Day of Prayer. Hongkong, in common with the rest of the Empire, observed to-day as a national day of prayer for strength and guidance in days to come and of thanksgiving for blessings already received. The day was set aside in accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the King.

Special services were held in the Churches of all denominations in the Colony, and they were well attended. The Dean of Hongkong, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, preached at St. John's Cathedral, where special prayers were offered.

The Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan, S.J., spoke on the subject of Prayer at St. Joseph's Church, where a large congregation attended.

Among the large congregation at St. John's Cathedral were the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) and Mrs. Smith, His Excellency Major-General A. E. Granett (General Officer Commanding the Troops in China), accompanied by Captain R. E. T. St. John (Aide-de-Camp), His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor, and Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. P. Rose, opened with the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem.

The Dean led the congregation in saying the general Thanksgiving, after which he offered special prayers.

Increase in Crime. There has been a rather big increase in serious crimes and petty larcenies in 1940, compared with 1939. It was learned from the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, that Mr. Perdue stated that in 1940 the number of serious crimes was 15,210 as against 11,604 in 1939. The number of petty larcenies had also gone up considerably, but there had been a reduction in the number of outrages or offences against persons with violence.

One of the reasons for the increase in petty larcenies, said Mr. Perdue, was undoubtedly the increase in the population; another was that when the refugees first came to the Colony many of them had only a certain amount of money which lasted them for a short while, after which they had nothing to live on.

With a view to combating the crime increase, an additional 150 Cantonese constables will be enrolled in April, but the other contingents of the Force will remain the same.

One of the problems facing the Police Force at the moment, added Mr. Perdue, was the difficulty of getting criminals and undesirable away from the Colony.

As regards the Police Reserve, Mr. Perdue stated that the total strength now is about 125 short of the figure of 1,500 authorized by Government. Very good progress had been made by the Chinese Company, who had been allotted a strength of 1,000, but vacancies still existed in the Indian Company and Emergency Unit.

It is expected that the City Hall Library will soon be ready for the use of the Police Reserve as their headquarters. Some minor interior alterations will have to be made and these will take about a month. The car park adjoining the Library will not be affected.

Nightclub Removal. In connection with the report published of the abandonment of the proposal to increase the Assessment rates by one per cent, to meet the cost of removal of nightclub by Government, it is learned that the statement was premature. No final decision in the matter has yet been reached.

When the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carlie, Chairman of the Urban Council, gave the news to a reporter, he was under the impression that the rates would not be increased as he had been instructed to prepare a schedule of "concessory charges." It now transpires that the preparation of the schedule was required solely that the alternative methods of financing the project might be thoroughly examined de novo.

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Mr. W. E. Kirby referred to the expenditure account where had debts written off amounted to \$1,287.00, as compared with \$710 for 1939. He said he happened to know that in one or two instances these were not genuine debts and it was only by the efficient work of the Secretary that the money had been recovered. He knew some of these men and offered his services as to the question of genuine debts.

The Chairman replied that this was a point that had caused the Association a great deal of difficulty and trouble. He meant a lot of work for the Secretary but the Association was different from other residential clubs and he felt himself that if Mr. Kirby could help the Secretary in the way mentioned, it would be a great help. Small amounts of bad debts did accumulate due to men passing through Hongkong and staying for a few weeks. The Chairman also said that if it was not the prerogative of the Institution to put a man out on the street on the say-so of another individual, it was the case of a man who would never have to go to the house of Develton or getting a home in the hope that something was forthcoming sooner or later, the Association was rather on the benevolent side.

Mr. Kirby said he noticed the accounts referred to War Taxation and the Chairman replied that it was not a business profits tax but a property tax.

A member asked if it would be possible to admit people like Portuguese, Eurasians to the Y.M.C.A., and Mrs. Smith, His Excellency Major-General A. E. Granett (General Officer Commanding the Troops in China), accompanied by Captain R. E. T. St. John (Aide-de-Camp), His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor, and Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N.

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Review Of The Principal Topics March 23 To March 29

Wednesday

March 26

Immigration Inquiry. Mr. E. A. von Kobza-Nagy, acting as the General Agent to the Immigration Office, was the chief witness who gave evidence in public to-day, when the Commission appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Department continued its sitting in the Supreme Court.

Mr. von Kobza-Nagy related how he became the General Agent, and disclosed that Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, the Immigration Officer, had received information and proof that some members of his staff were interested in the agency business.

The witness was questioned at length as to why the bank account in connection with the agency business was made under his name, and why no auditors had been appointed for the purpose of counter-signing any cheques drawn on that account, as required by the agreement. To these he replied that the account was put under his name at the suggestion of an official of the Bank and that he had already undertaken the task and he had not yet approached others.

Port Development. At the annual meeting of the H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., to-day, the Chairman made a plea for early clarification of Government's policy on pier licenses and the future development of the port of Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson presided at the meeting, which was held in Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.'s Board Room. He said that the future of the port had been causing them considerable concern. Sir David Owen, who visited the Colony to advise the Government on its administration and development, had completed his report and he hoped this would be made public as early as possible.

The Chairman remarked that when the rebuilding scheme now under way was completed it would give the Colony the finest warehouse accommodation in the Far East if not in the world.

Long Tennis Match. Landing 4-1 in the third set and holding match point at several stages, Mr. Pagh was forced to share three sets with C. Umelan, leading Japanese tennis player, when they met for a second time in the singles championship to-day.

Pagh won the first set 6-1 and lost the second 3-6. He jumped into a big lead in the opening stages of the third set but with the score 4-1, he deteriorated considerably for Umelan to rally.

The game became a long drawn-out battle, with Pagh, making cross-court drives and Umelan, reply with winning short shots. The Japanese, however, might have won the third set had he resorted to slicing and

Thursday

March 27

Involuntary Complaints. Complaints of involuntary by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, and other members of his staff, were made at to-day's official report released for publication sitting of the Commission Inquiring into the affairs of the Department.

Mr. Forrest replied, offering to bring evidence that it was not his habitual attitude to be rude towards the public. Mr. Forrest said there had not been millions (£2.8 millions) as compared with a suggestion from the public as a whole with \$95.2 millions (£2.9 millions) in that Mr. Forrest was bad tempered or February, 1940.

Among the complaints was one involving the trade of the Colony decreased lodged by Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman by 2 per cent, in February, 1941, as of the Shanghai Municipal Council, compared with February, 1940; and by who spoke of the unfavourable 10-17 per cent, in terms of sterling.

Other complaints were lodged by Mr. D. Campbell, the Bank of China, of both Japanese and at times brilliant, Mr. H. R. Sequeira, Mr. Ma Tsai-chiu, being executed at the right moment and with a beautiful length.

The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. N. Chao, was the stronger of the winning pair, his grip volleying straight towards the net, and ending, reaping a rich harvest, Mr. Smith's best asset was a powerful fast-racket service which often came off in the net to sets.

Four employees of the Department proved too good for his doubles partner, Mr. Pagh, who was described of 6-1, 6-1, and Pang Ol-lam was too difficult conditions under which the good for R. E. Guest, winning 6-3, 6-1, staff had to work, and Mr. B. C. Holt, M. A. Ruzick beat S. Y. Tong 6-1, who alleged lack of co-operation by 6-1.

Friday

March 28

Telephone Charges System. That a new system of charges, involving the institution of message rate service in place of the existing flat rate, was being considered by the management of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Ltd., was revealed by Mr. J. Scott Harston when he presided at the annual meeting of the Company at Exchange Building to-day.

Mr. Scott Harston paid a tribute to the magnificent work of Mr. J. H. Taggart, former Managing Director, who was mainly responsible for the successful negotiations for the formation of the Company in 1925 and for the excellent results obtained since the Company's existence. The appointment of Mr. J. P. Sherry to succeed Mr. Taggart was also announced.

An appeal to subscribers to restrict the use of their telephones as much as possible was made by the Chairman. He said that the shortage of electricity had led to an extremely heavy over-loading of the existing lines.

Benevolent Society. An appeal to Government for a generous annual donation for the work of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was made by Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, when he presided at the Society's annual general meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company's Board Room to-day.

Sir Atholl also appealed to the men of the Colony to send their discarded clothing to the Society instead of giving it to their servants. He referred to the need of the Society for a house or a flat in Kowloon, for its work, mentioning that no fewer than 111

Playing short for Pagh was miserably weak in volleying.

The only time Pagh approached the net when he led 5-4 in the third set, holding match point, but he threw away the point with a poor effort into the net.

With the scores 10-10 in fast falling light, Umelan was attacked by cramp in his calf and the game was held up for several minutes. The match had been in progress for nearly two hours. New balls were produced and Pagh won the 21st game to lead 11-10 with his service to come. He won the first two points but threw away the next four, over-driving the baseline. It was then decided to abandon the match for the second time as both had met on Thursday when the match was abandoned one set all.

Fung Yee-pul beat Kenneth Lo 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 and Li Shields Goodman beat C. Dunne 6-0, 6-1.

K. B. G. G. Meeting. The necessity of keeping up their reputation as the premier bowling club by the addition of another bowling green was stressed by the President, Mr. K. C. Hamilton, at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club to-day when he supported the recommendation of the outgoing committee for an additional green. The suggestion, which was that the far tennis court be turned into a green, was approved.

Election of officers resulted: Mr. J. McKelvie (President), Mr. J. G. Meyer (Vice-President), Mr. H. White (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. E. A. Alkins (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. E. Wylie, G. E. Thompson, L. Guy, D. Waterton (Committee).

Mr. R. P. Phillips was elected Bowls Convener; Mr. A. E. E. Jeffries, Bar Convener; Mr. S. C. Walker, Grounds Convener; The Ballot Committee was Messrs. J. G. Meyer, E. V. Seale, H. Houston, F. W. Grinler, G. Sherill, R. Duncan.

Mr. C. Bond, a former President, secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. P. Headley and Mr. R. Duncan were elected life members.

Saturday

March 29

Football. Chief interest in football over the week-end was centred in the Governor's Cup match between H.K.F. A. and H.K.C.A.A. at Causeway Bay. The Chinese having won the first game had only to draw to be assured of annexing the trophy, but the Association, playing an improved brand of football, foiled them and won an ex-

Quips By "Argus"

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Smart secretaries have silk on their legs and cotton in their ears.

Returning the verdict, the Croner said: "I have no doubt that the woman met with her death accidentally through falling from the window. I wish more people would open their windows each morning; it is a most healthy thing to do."

In Germany, natives were strilled by the fenshish whistles made by empty beer bottles tossed overboard by celebrating R.A.F. bomber crews returning home.

A coolie has been bound over for pinching a submarine sweater. Would not the ends of justice have been better served if he'd been made to wear it throughout next summer?

Brilliant is spending on the war £144 a second. So every time you breathe it's an inflation respirator.

Say what you like about the old school tie, but young Peter of Serbia was at school in England—and the tie was.

It is now reported that Mussolini's plans to recapture the Sphinx with a bald head and a bigger jaw have been abandoned.

A film magnate, when one of his stars had apparently passed out after an immersion in the cause of art: "Artistic! respiration! No sir—let her have the real thing!"

A snatcher nearly got away with spectacles belonging to a widow. But then he probably thought that there were "Crookes" lens.

"The Japanese Government is checking up on Japanese assets held abroad. Perhaps it could discover where all the blockade racket-off is banked."

citing encounter 4-1. This means that another game will be necessary. The only first division encounter required a game win for Sing Tao over the 2nd Club, and the 4th division matches played only one had any bearing on the championship. This was between Engineers and Kit Chie, and the champion served to consolidate the Snapper's position at the head of the table.

Both Signals and Air Force, contenders for third division honours, won their fixtures by narrow margins and the champions will be in doubt until the last match.

First Division
Sing Tao 2 Club 1

Second Division
Police 1 Sing Tao 0
Engineers 4 Kit Chie 1
R.A.F. 0 Middlesex 1
Royal Navy 0 South China 1

Third Division
7th R.A. 1 36th R.A. 4
24th R.A. 2 Signals 3
12th R.A. 1 Shell 0
R.A.E. 1 International 1
A.S.A. 1 R.E. 7

Governor's Cup
H.K.C.A.A. 2 H.K.F.A. 4

Immigration Inquiry. Two letters testifying to courteous treatment, received from Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, were read by Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chairman of the Commission appointed to inquire into the Affairs of the Immigration Department, at the resumed sitting of the Commission to-day. The letters were from Mr. D. J. Sloss and Mr. M. L. Bevan.

Mr. Forrest himself made a statement, replying to the accusations that he behaved in a rude and aggressive manner on board the President Monroe. He recalled a series of incidents on board and also disclosed that at one time he contemplated asking to be relieved of his post, but was begged by some members of his staff not to do so.

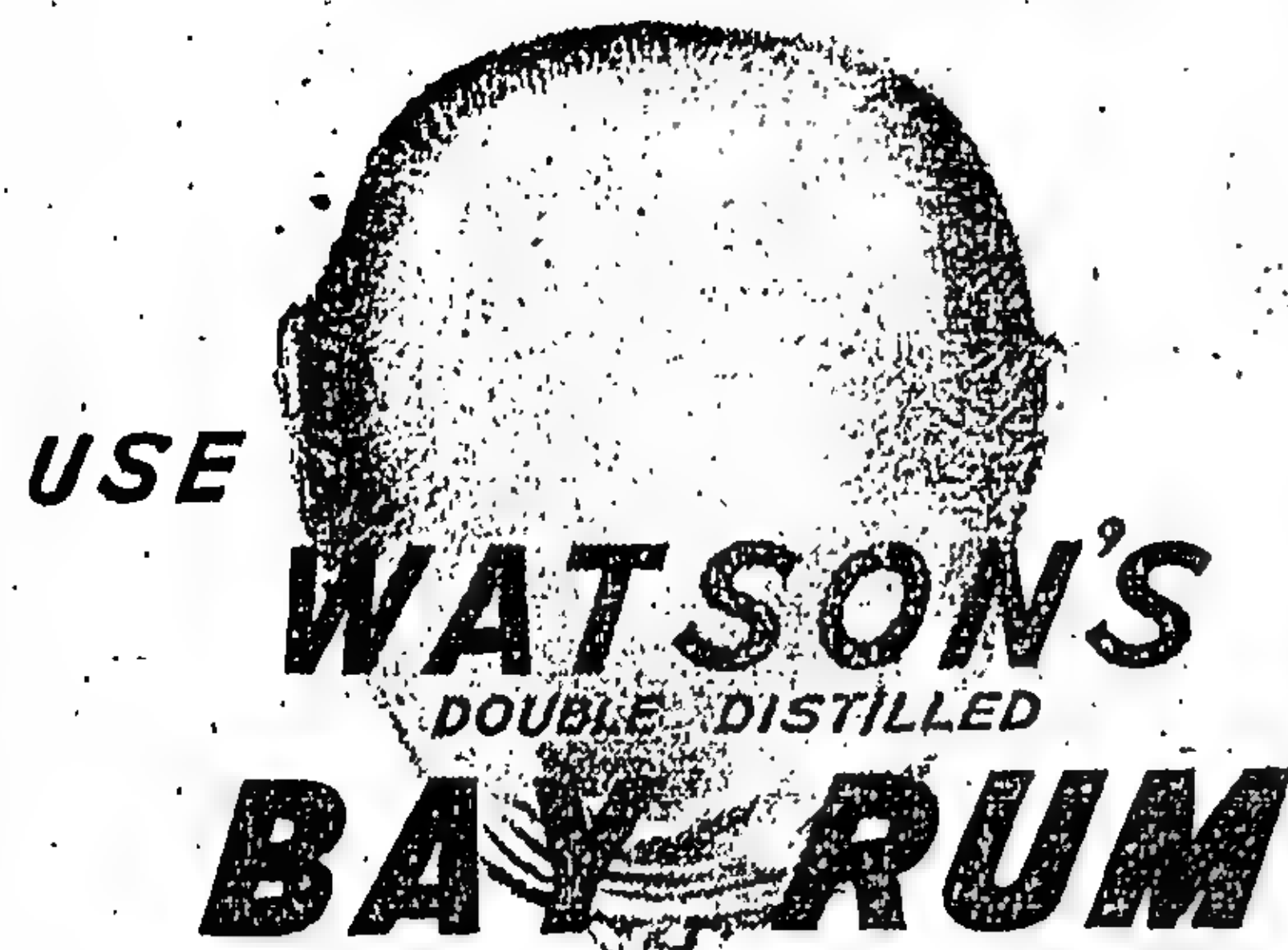
A list of the number of permits issued was handed to the Commission by Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, who also adduced evidence to rebut the allegation that he pushed a man out of the Office.

Mr. E. W. Pudney, Accountant-General, was recalled by Mr. Forrest and further questioned regarding the matter of unsecured arrears and the reviving of an accountant to the Department.



This historic picture shows two Governors of Hongkong together at the same time. The photograph was taken as Lieut-General E. F. Norton, acting Governor (walking down the Queen's Pier steps) bade farewell to the Colony. Standing above in His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who has returned to take up his Governorship again.

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LEGAL FOG

THE ordinary citizen has often wondered why Acts of Parliament and Departmental edicts must be clothed in language that he cannot understand—language that often puzzles lawyers themselves and causes endless litigation. There seems to be no escape from this legal fog, though no one can give a satisfactory explanation of why it should be so.

The latest triumphs of the Circumlocution Office are found in the War Damage Bill which, since its importance to millions of people is so obvious, should surely be expressed in the clearest language. One who has been studying the Bill quotes the following as legal language at its worst:

"For the purpose of the preceding paragraph of this part of this schedule the proportion appropriate as at any date to a tenancy which at that date had still to run any period specified in the first column of the table set out in part two of this schedule is the proportion specified in relation to that period in that one of the succeeding columns of the table which corresponds with the proportion which the rent payable under the tenancy bears to the land comprised therein."

Some time ago the Prime Minister appealed for simple, direct language in official documents. There is little evidence that the advice has been taken to heart, or that the Departments have produced any rivals to Mr Churchill's own pointed, colourful style. As for the draughtsmen of Parliamentary Bills, they will presumably be the last to surrender to the simpler English movement. This would be the easier to understand if they always achieved 100 per cent. clarity, which they seldom do.

Paragraphs like that quoted strengthen the case for a separate "Scottish" measure, which, because of the wide differences of the legal codes of the two countries in relation to property, seems to be essential. In any case, if Parliament does not succeed in licking the Bill into understandable shape, thousands of bomb victims may be seriously affected in their pockets. That would be a poor foundation for the "new Britain" which it is hoped to build after the war.—*The Evening Dispatch.*

OUR NEW GREAT ARMY—SECOND ARTICLE

By

H. V. Morton

WARFARE in 1941 is not really as new and unorthodox as it may seem.

Only the weapons are new. Otherwise, the war itself is a return to old-time methods—to movement and surprise, to ambushes and spies, to generals in the front line.

Saul, Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar would have understood it much better than, say, General Gamelin did.

And the Army we have created to fight this war, the second great citizen army in a quarter of a century, is now fully trained or in training.

It is an Army of 2,000,000 men, and is representative of the nation. It contains all fit men, not in essential war industries, between the ages of 20 and 34.

And as the age groups fall to the older categories more and more men with established civilian backgrounds and fast in twenty-five years, proved civilian abilities become incorporated in this great force.

What is this Army of 1941 like, and how does it differ from the Army of 1914?

A man who knew the old Army well, and is now training the new one, said this to me:

"Since Hitler came to power, German youth has been cunningly educated for war. War and the Army—individuality—have been idealised.

"Our own young men have lived in a country which has not only striven to keep the peace, but has extolled all the arts of peace.

No Illusions

"They are without illusions. They are grim realists. Young Germans may discover that war is not all their leaders have cracked it up to be; our boys have no romantic illusions, and are therefore dangerous.

"So far as character goes, this Army is similar to the last one. How could it fail to be so? Our younger soldiers are the sons and the



Militiamen, newly called up, report for duty, leaving their civilian lives behind them.

Watchwords: ATTACK! SPEED! ORGANISATION!

grandsons of the men of 1914-18.

"The solid core of their character is the same, but there are notable differences. The world has moved fast in twenty-five years, and these young men are the children of their time.

"They are better educated than their fathers. They are infinitely more technical.

"They possess a qualification which is very necessary in days when one private soldier with an automatic weapon can command the power. German youth has fire power of one of Wellington's battalions; and that is war. War and the Army—individuality—have been idealised.

"I told him that after Dunkirk I noticed that men I knew in the B.E.F. had not only striven to keep the peace, but has extolled all the arts of peace.

"Many had been infuriated by the sight of machine-gunned women and children, and all longed only to get to grips with the enemy again.

Coupled with this was the feeling that, man for man, the British soldier was more than a match for his adversary. I asked if the Army still felt like that.

"The B.E.F. considered that it never had a fair chance," he replied, "and the longing it felt after Dunkirk, and still feels, to show the enemy what it can do, runs right through the Army from top to bottom.

"When the history of this war comes to be written one of the

biggest stories of the year 1940 will be the way Industry has re-equipped the Army.

"I mean the way the factories and the workshops have poured out munitions and guns, tanks, lorries, and every conceivable object until at this moment the Army need no longer think in terms of withdrawals to prepared positions.

"The defensive school of thought is dead and done for: the British Army to-day is thinking in terms of attack."

What It's Doing

I then said that, in spite of the fact that 2,000,000 men are under arms in Britain, the Army is strangely elusive and secretive. What is it doing?

"The Field Army, which is the trained army ready to go into action at any moment, is still in training," he replied, "for no army can be too highly trained.

"All other troops are in various stages of training, and, as they become proficient, are drafted into the Field Army, which is consequently growing larger every day.

"On the Continent the work of building up an army numbered by the million is the work of years under easy peace time conditions.

"The British Army is faced in war with the task of achieving in almost as many months the same professional standard of discipline, training and organisation.

Two Millions

"The two million men now under arms are not apart from certain specialised contingents—being trained for any special

mission in any particular part of the world.

"They are being trained as an army; an army capable of taking on any job of work in face of any enemy in whatsoever part of the world the Empire's war effort may demand it.

"It is being trained, in the largest sense of the word, for triumph on the field of battle.

"At the present time no man can say where will be the decisive battlefield of this war, but if that decisive battle assumes the form of large-scale land operations the British Army will take the stage—and lead the attack.

"Is anyone in the Army guilty of the well-known sin of thinking in terms of the last war?"

"No one in authority. This is a new Army and a new War. The sovereign quality of warfare to-day is speed.

"The tempo of war in 1914-18 was to be measured in terms of yards per annum; to-day it is to be measured in terms of miles per day.

"This speed is reflected in every phase of the Army's training. This is also a war of technicians. It demands more from the individual than any previous war.

"It is a war of organisation. Behind every soldier are many more civilian workers necessary to his efficiency than ever before. Industry and the Army are two sides of the same coin.

New Training

"We have learned much from the war on the Continent, though some new phases of Army training are still on the secret list, and cannot be discussed.

"The new Army Air Co-operation Command is perfecting immediate bomber support for forward units based on German methods in Poland and France.

"The lesson of the dive bomber has not been lost on us, and it may be interesting to note that dive bombing, like the tank, is a British invention!

"The first dive bombing was carried out in the last war by British aircraft operating against the Senussi in the Western Desert.

"Other activities are a link-up between the air arm and artillery. I have said enough to prove that the British Army has not been wasting its time since the Battle of Britain began."

All Changed

"And what of the German Army?"

"Apart from its armoured divisions, there is no evidence to suggest that it is in any way comparable to the German Army, 1914-18, which the British Army soundly thrashed in the field.

"Its successful invasion of Western Europe was an operational and administrative triumph, but the German Army was never called upon to stand up to the only test that matters—the test of prolonged battle.

"It was also never called upon to stand up to an army that was not afraid of it."

So those of us who remember 1914 can look with affection and admiration on the Army of 1941, conscious at the same time that we can give our sons no advice because this time War, Army—everything—is different.

TO-MORROW:

A Visit to a Young Soldiers' Battalion

BURNS ON THE WAR

He had a Word for It

AMERICA'S greatest woman commentator has done well to remind us that all the poets of the world are in arms against Hitler. If Robert Burns had been alive to-day he would have been in the very front of that assembly. For he had—unwittingly—popular belief to the contrary—a sound fund of down-right commonsense, and his opinions on the great political moves of his time are always full of interest.

Often they are richly suggestive, and it is not surprising that, when we delve into his pages we find many words which are so applicable to the present crisis that they might have been written yesterday.

"Have you ever, my dear sir," Burns wrote to George Thomson, "felt your bosom ready to burst with indignation on reading of those mighty villains who divide kingdom against kingdom, desolate provinces, and lay nations waste, out of the wantonness of ambition, or—often from still more ignoble passions?"

Fate Of Empires

That might have been a criticism of Hitler's policy. Or the lines which he wrote for Miss Fothergill at Dumfries in the year 1793 could have been suggested by the events of the past twelve months:

Europe's eye is fix'd on mighty things,
The fate of Empires and the fall of Kings;

While quacks of State must each produce his plan.
To the Earl of Buchan, in the year 1794, Burns indited a letter which is an admirable summing up of the present situation: "On the one hand

I see a cruel but able usurper, leading on the finest army in Europe to extinguish the last spark of freedom among greatly daring and greatly injured people; on the other hand, the desperate relics of gallant nations, devoting themselves to rescue their bleeding countries."

To the Nazi Press, rejoicing in the destruction of civilian targets, Burns would have thundered out his stern rebuke:

Ye hypocrites, are these your pranks
To murder men and gie God thanks?
For shame, desist, proceed no further,
God won't accept your thanks for murder!

For Hitler, the arch-villain of all these upheavals, the Scots poet would have had little mercy. A bloody man I trow thou be,
For monie a heart thou hast made sair
That ne'er did wrang to thine or thee.

He might have warned him of the inevitable reckoning:

O, wae upon you, men o' State,
That brethren rouse to deadly hate!
As ye mak monie a fond heart mourn,
Sae may it on your heads return.

Goebbels he would have reminded that:
Facts are chiefs that winna ding,
An' downa be disputed.

On the notorious German propensity for hiding the truth our poet would have commented:

There's nae ever feared that the truth should be heard
But they wham the truth wad indite.

To the humourless Nazis who pose as the liberators of oppressed nations, Burns would address himself:

O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us
And foolish notion

The Fairest Flower

The ruthless treatment of the Jews would have roused the anger of the poet, who was always the champion of oppressed peoples. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Faced with the threat of German invasion, his words would have leapt to life:

The Nith shall run to Corsica,
And Criffel sink to Solway.
Ere we permit a foreign foe
On Britain's ground to rally,
Mussolini he would have warned:

Ambition is a meteor gleam,
Fame an idle restless dream;
Peace the tenderest flower of Spring.
Above all, he would have been staunchly at one with his countrymen in their fight against the new tyranny which has darkened Europe: In the cause of right engaged,
Wrongs injurious to redress,
Honour's war we strongly waged.
A. W.

KIANGSI VICTORY

Encirclement Of Japanese

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30 (Central News).—In the Battle of Kiangsi, the Chinese forces have scored a smashing victory over the Japanese, declared the spokesman of the National Military Council in a press interview yesterday.

Among the casualties suffered by the Japanese was one division commander according to Japanese captives.

Three Japanese divisions participated in the recent abortive offensive in northern Kiangsi. Advancing in three routes, the northern column was intercepted at an early stage of the campaign and thrown back with losses, while the central and southern columns pushed forward and penetrated to areas north-east of Shanghai, south-west of Kanoan and the southern bank of the Chin River, where they have been dispersed, cut up and decimated.

Held In Net

Surrounded by the Chinese in these areas since March 22, the spokesman continued, the Japanese have made repeated attempts to escape encirclement but so far have been frustrated.

The battlefield is strewn with Japanese war dead. Most of the bodies are minus one hand which, according to Japanese captives, has been cut off and taken away as identification of the men killed in action. War booty includes field pieces, machine-guns, rifles and ammunition.

Fenglin Recaptured

SHANGHAI, Mar. 30 (Central News).—Fenglin, important city in northern Kiangsi, was recaptured by the Chinese yesterday afternoon following a sanguinary engagement. The Japanese are retreating.

Chinese authorities have entered the city and are taking immediate measures for the relief of the refugees.

Entered Closed Port

River Captain Fined

Capt. R. Parcou, master of a river steamer, was fined \$40, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment, by Comdr. T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning, when he admitted allowing his ship to enter the Tathong Channel, a prohibited and controlled area, whilst the "port closed" signal was hoisted at Cape d'Agullar on March 16.

A naval officer said that at the time in question the visibility was about half a mile and he was instructed to inform the master of the steamer by wireless to watch out for the signals at Cape d'Agullar.

Capt. Parcou said that when he came in at 6.30 a.m. he saw a red light at Cape d'Agullar but about ten minutes later, on his return to the bridge after having had a cup of tea, he could not see it. It was very misty at the time.

Comdr. Stiff: If you are not certain of the signal you are to keep well clear. Don't you know of that regulation?

Capt. Parcou: Naturally, I do. Comdr. Stiff: I shall have to fine you \$40, in default of ten days.

Junk Koli Offends
For a similar offence, Cheung Kwai, fold in charge of trading junk T5480H, was fined \$20, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

It was stated that defendant's junk was found anchored in the minefield on March 20. Defendant pleaded that it was his first visit to Hongkong and was not aware of the regulations. He added that his mainmast had broken down and he anchored there to mend it.

Nazi Bomber Downed

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight to-day, one of them crashing near Middleborough, shot down by a Spitfire patrol. All the crew were killed.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 3/4
T.T. Singapore	1/2 3/4
T.T. Japan	1/2 3/4
T.T. India	1/2 3/4
T.T. U.S.A.	1/2 3/4
T.T. Manila	1/2 3/4
T.T. Batavia	1/2 3/4
T.T. Bangkok	1/2 3/4
T.T. Saigon	1/2 3/4
T.T. France	1/2 3/4
T.T. Switzerland	1/2 3/4
T.T. Australia	1/2 3/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 3/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	1/3 3/4
4 m/s France	1/3 3/4
30 d/s India	1/3 3/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says: "The market continues firm with a general demand for leading shares."

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,335
Bank of East Asia	\$70
Canton Ins.	\$222.50
Union Ins.	\$430
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$189
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$80
Wharves	\$89
Docks	\$15.55
Providents	\$5.30
Hotels	\$3.15
Lands	\$32
Humphreys	\$6.70
Realities	\$3
Trams	\$10.40
Yunnan	\$23.75
Lights "O"	\$0.20
Lights "N"	\$1.75
Electric C. Rts.	\$39.50
Macao Electric "O"	\$18.25
Macao Electric "N"	\$17.25
Telephones "O"	\$23.30
Telephones "N"	\$8.90
Cements	\$17.50
Ropes	\$0.90
Waters	\$9.70
Entertainments	\$0.30
Sellers	
H.K. Fire Ins.	189
Providents	\$5.35
Telephones "O"	\$23.50
Sales	
Canton Ins.	\$222.50
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$185
Docks	\$15.50
Providents	\$5.30
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KING'S PRAISE

Indians At Keren

NEW DELHI, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the Viceroy: "I heartily congratulate India on the part her armed forces have played in the capture of Keren. This victory in the face of heavy odds has added fresh laurels to India's military renown."

The Viceroy replied: "Your Majesty's gracious words will be most deeply valued by all ranks in the Indian armed forces and will be of the greatest possible encouragement to them."

Nazi Freighter Leaves Shai

SHANGHAI, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobtrusive departure from Shanghai during the week-end of the large German freighter *Ramsey*, which had been tied up in the Kowloon harbour since the outbreak of war.

The present whereabouts of the *Ramsey* are not disclosed but it is unofficially stated that she has headed for Japan.

It is learned that the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities.

Water-front circles in Shanghai believe that the *Ramsey*, which is of 7,800 tons, will most probably be converted into a raider.

The only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the Italian *Conte Verde*, of 18,500 tons.



MEANT MUCH TO HIM—French show unrestrained emotion as the last parade of regimental flags is held in Marseilles, France, before the regiments were disbanded, symbolic of Franco's fall. The man in foreground is overcomer.

Nazis Are Plotting Hungarian Revolt

An imminent, Nazi-inspired uprising of the Hungarian Arrow Cross (Fascist) Party, whose black list promises a blood-bath even more terrible than that of the Rumanian Iron Guard, has recently alarmed Hungarian Government circles.

Maj. Ferenc Szalasi, leader of the Arrow Cross, intends to stage a revolt that will wipe out all opposition, including Regent Horthy, Premier Teleki and other members of the present government, according to a New York message.

Hitler appears to have lost patience with his junior Axis partner, which still allows a group of anti-German politicians, headed by the former Premier, Count Stephen Bethlen, and Karolyi Rassy and Tibor Eckhardt, Agrarian Party leader, to criticise the policy of riding on the Nazi bandwagon.

Public resentment against the Hungarian-German alliance, reflected in the liberal press, is growing daily. Students, hitherto enthusiastic Nazis, are demonstrating constantly against German infiltration which has reduced Hungary to the status of a vassal state.

Fascist Released

On several occasions police have had to break up groups of students who climb flag poles in an attempt to tear down Nazi and Fascist flags. Maj. Szalasi was recently released from prison, and since the signing of the Axis alliance, has lost most of the former support of students, state officials and members of the middle class. The Nazis also have begun to throw their support on the side of Bela Imredy, former Right Wing Premier, who resigned in February, 1939, on learning that his grand parents were Jewish. He always has been a fierce exponent of Nazi doctrines.

Horthy's Aides

Pressure from Berlin has caused the removal of several trusted aides-de-camps of Admiral Horthy's military suite. Col. Ladislav Magashazi, for instance, has been forced to quit his post because of his well known anti-Nazi sentiment. And Hungary's Regent is now surrounded by military aides recommended by the Wilhelmstrasse.

Neutral diplomats and newspapermen were surprised to see new and unknown faces among the large delegation of military observers that accompanied Premier Teleki when he signed the Axis pact in Vienna.

Horthy Anti-Axis

The message reveals that Reichswacht "Instructors" have been assigned to the Hungarian General Staff and to the commanders of all army divisions. Gen. Keresztes-Fischer, brother of the Hungarian Interior Minister, has been dismissed from his post for publicly expressing his resentment at being "instructed" by Prussian militarists.

The Nazis know that Admiral Horthy is strongly anti-Axis and somewhat pro-British in his foreign policy. Hitler knows that he cannot expect full co-operation from Hungary with Admiral Horthy and others in the saddle.

Berlin cannot forget Admiral Horthy's speech delivered shortly before his visit to Germany in 1939. "I remind the extremists (Arrow Cross Party) within Hungary that I am able to deal with rebels as they deserve and I warn outside forces (Germany) not to interfere." The Arrow Cross revolt, according to the report, is a distinct probability—possibly a matter of weeks.

New Colossus Of The Air

American Super-Bomber
According to recent reports from Washington, D.C., Army and Navy engineers have created a super-bomber on paper which dwarfs anything now in the air.

One of these planes, which would cost about U.S. \$9,000,000 to build, would be able to carry a useful load of 175,000 pounds, or a load of 30 tons of bombs on flights up to 3,800 miles. Its four engines would develop a total of 28,000 horse-power and enable the huge plane to attain speeds up to 300 miles per hour.

Officials declined to state if and when actual work would begin on this colossus of the air.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,340 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	21 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. & E.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	222 1/2 b. & sa.
Union	430 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	185 sa.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	9 n.
Indo-China P.	80 b.
Inao-Chinas D.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers)	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	80 b.
Docks	15.05 b.
Providents	5.30 b. & sa.
Shai Dockyards	28 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	15/- n.
Raub	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	3.15 b.
Lands	32 1/2 n.
China Land	97 1/2 n.
Shai Land	12.10 n.
Humphreys	6.70 b.
H.K. Realities	3 b.
Chinese Estates	88 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	10.40 b.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	2 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	6.20 b.
China Lights (new)	13 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric	39 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (old)	18 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	17 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	23 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	0 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold Macg. (Ord.)	30 n.
Cold Macg. (Pref.)	25 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	17 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	7.30 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	17 n.
Watsons	0.70 b.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh	45 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 GSBDs	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	0.30 b.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	2/6 n.

Communists Climb Down

CHUNGKING, Mar. 31 (International).—It was learned to-day that the Communists have withdrawn the twelve demands on the People's Political Council conditional on the seven Communist members taking part in that organisation. It is said that all differences between the Communists and the Central Authorities have been adjusted.

The Communists have realised that their cause finds little support and that their intransigent attitude would weaken the united front. Their loyal support with the co-operation of the Central Authorities has been renewed since March 28.

NANKING REGIME

First Anniversary

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—March 30 celebrations marking the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Nanking regime passed off without incident in Nanking, according to reports reaching here.

Wang Ching-wei, President of the Nanking Japanese-sponsored Government, opened the celebrations in the morning with a speech re-affirming the co-operation of the Nanking regime with Japan.

City Decorated

The entire city was bedecked with bunting and flags of the new regime and later Wang Ching-wei reviewed units, troops and guards of the new regime at the Central Military Academy.

The first day's celebrations ended with a commemorative ball in the evening at the International Club in which discussions for setting up the regime had first taken form over a year ago.

Shanghai Quiet

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—March 30 passed without incident here though the Police in both the International Settlement and the French Concession greatly increased the number of barricades and had numerous search parties on the streets.

It was feared that an outbreak of terrorism would mark the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Nanking Government.

ENEMY PATROL SHIP SUNK

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—With a single bomb a Coastal Command Blenheim to-day sank a German anti-submarine vessel off the Estuary of the Loire. The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry. There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.

STRIKES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The strikes in the various United States defence industries show some improvement.

It is announced that a Settlement has been reached in the Bethlehem Steel Company's works at St. Johnston, Pennsylvania.

C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organisation) workers at a meeting in Chicago agreed to return to work immediately at four International Harvester Company factories which have been closed for eight weeks.

Booklet On Battle Of Britain

LONDON, Mar. 30 (British Wireless).—The author of the 8,000-word booklet, "Battle of Britain," is H. St. G. Saunders, who has written a number of thrillers but probably never such an exciting one as this in which he records the story of the Luftwaffe's defeat at the hands of R.A.F. fighters. Saunders, who is a civilian member of the Air Ministry Intelligence Section, had the advantage of the assistance of some six other members of the Section in collecting, checking and re-checking the facts set out in the booklet.

Fifty thousand copies of the "Battle of Britain" have already been sold and a further 300,000 have been ordered by the general public.

Matsuoka Leaves For Rome

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has left Berlin for Rome.

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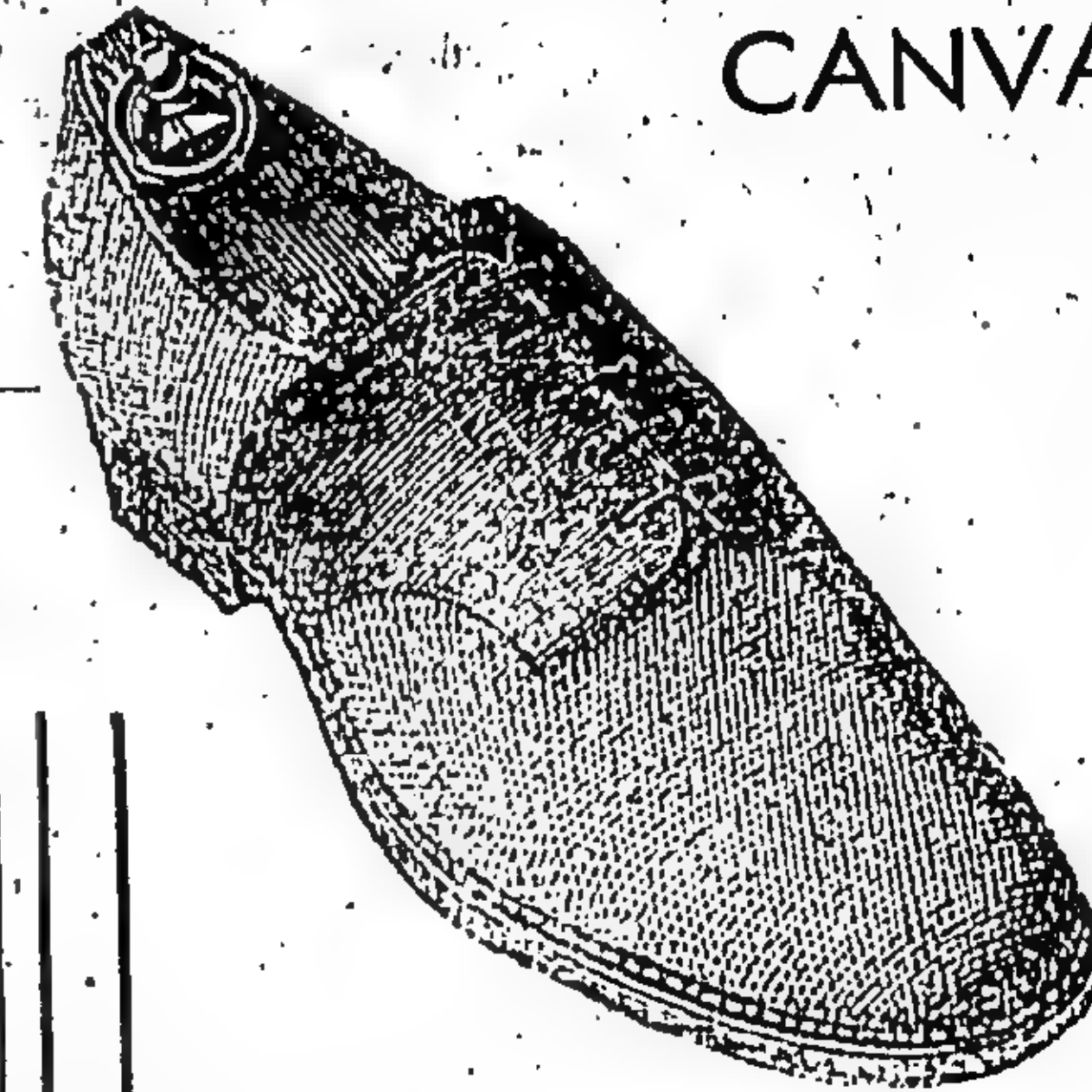
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Association Win Second Governor's Cup Match



Lee Wai-tong endeavouring to score through the back in the Governor's Cup match at Causeway Bay yesterday.—England Studio.

Kowloon Again Defeat Country Club At Golf

AMID CONDITIONS ideal, though bitterly cold, the Kowloon Golf Club beat the Country Club by 17½ points to 8 in their return golf match at Sheungshui yesterday.

Happy Valley Team to Meet Kowloon G.C.

THE FOLLOWING will represent the Happy Valley golfers against Kowloon at Kowloon on Good Friday. The Kowloon team, together with the order of playing and pairings for the fourballs will be announced later.

Championship Badminton To-day

The following is the amended Badminton Championship programme for this evening at the Kowloon C.C.:

7 p.m. T. S. Young and H. K. Fung v. P. Lo and J. Tsang.

7.30 p.m. J. L. Anderson v. E. Zimmerman.

8 p.m. H. S. Jones v. J. Odell.

8.30 p.m. M. P. Young v. P. K. Hoo.

9.15 p.m. W. Gillies v. K. W. Choy.

Home Soccer Results

To-day's soccer results:

War Cup—Southern third round—Arsenal 2; West Ham 1; Cardiff 2; Tottenham 1; Northern—Sheff Wed 1; Sheffield United 1; Newcastle 3; Middlesbrough 0; Southern fourth round—Queen's Park Rangers 2; Leicester 1; Northern—Manchester City 1; Preston North End 2.

South regional—Luton 3; Southampton 1; Portsmouth 3; Brighton 3; Southern 2; Norwich 2; Watford 0; Bourmouthe 0.

Southern league—Crystal Palace 1; Fulham 1; Stoke 0; Notts Forest 0; West Bromwich 4; Watford 1; Aldershot 0; Millwall 3; Lincoln 3; Mansfield 1.

Northern regional—Blackburn 3; Wrexham 2; Blackpool 2; Manchester 0; Bradford 4; Bradford City 1; Burnley 1; Liverpool 0; Everton 0; Chesterfield 1; Grimsby 0; Hull 1; Oldham 1; Huddersfield 1; Rochdale 2; Leeds 3; Sheffield Wednesday 0; Burnley 2; Southport 2; Bolton 1; Tranmere 3; New Brighton 1.

Sheff Cup (Final)—Doncaster Rovers 1; Rotherham United 2.

London Cup—Brentford 2; Chelsea 2; Reading 0; Clapton Orient 0.

Scottish Cup—Airdrie 0; Partick 3; Motherwell 4; Celtic 2; Morton 0; Albion 1; St Mirren 4; Hamilton 1; Rangers 0; Dundee 3; Third Lanark 1; Falkirk 2; Clyde 3; Queen's Park 1; Hearts 0; Hibernian 2; Western Regional—Aberdeen 1; Bath 3; Lovells Bristol City 2; Wrexham 1.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Brilliant Defenders Subdue Chinese Federation Forwards

(By "SCRAMBLER")

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S XI won the second leg of the Governor's Cup when they defeated a weakened CHINESE FEDERATION team by four goals to two yesterday at Causeway Bay ground, before a distinguished gathering including H.E. The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote. There was plenty of spirited football to be seen, and a feature of the game was the fine exhibition of goalkeeping put up by the two keepers, particularly Bankier, who was never in a better form than yesterday.

Attack Well Smothered

The Chinese defence had to bow for once to the Association's rearguard, where the Richards' trio of Freshwater, Bright and Thomas were a decidedly superior combination to the Chinese, and it was in this department that the winners excelled. Between the three of them, the Chinese attack was more often than not smothered, and it must be said that they lost much of their sting also when they had to play with only four forwards in the second half occasioned by the injury sustained by Chan Tak-fai late in the initial period, which forced him out of the game.

To the winners' honour must be given to their defence, where each of the five players pulled their weight. Bankier delighted with an excellent afternoon's work of superb goalkeeping, where many of his saves were copybook work. In front of him were a pair of steady and sound backs, whose interception, clearing and anticipation had the Chinese forwards very often on the wrong foot.

The supremacy of their intermediate trio had much to do with the result of the match. Bright was an untiring worker, helping in the attack when the occasion demanded, and dropping back to the defence when pressed. In Freshwater and Thomas, he had two fine wing halves to give him the aid he wanted. It was indeed a refreshing sight to see the three in action, and throughout the game, they had fine control over their opponents.

Mediocre Forwards

In attack, their forwards were only mediocre, though Howlett led the men with dash. He initiated many a dangerous move, which more often than not was spoiled by his insistent being unable to co-operate. Both Le Page and Ferrier worked hard, but were unable to make use of the good work put in by their wingers, whose displays on the day were commendable. Fowler was seen to good advantage with his fast runs down the side line, while Rietzen was tricky. The goals scored were the result of their good work.

The Chinese did not function well as a team, and with the exception of the first twenty minutes of the game, they were mostly on the defensive. Lee Wai-tong was too well watched by the tireless Bright to be of much use, and without the aid of any good scheming inside-men to aid him, he was more like a passenger. Chan Tak-fai prior to

his injury was good with his through runs, but Kwok Ying-kie did not come up to scratch due to the close attention paid him by Thomas.

The Chinese wingers were good, but found the close attention paid them by the backs had much to do with their inability to furnish a better testimonial. Wong King-chung's goal was the best of the match when he scored from thirty yards out.

Weak Halves

Hsu King-sing's role of a third back did not pay on the day's play, for he found that he was unable to give his forwards the help they were looking forward to. Moreover the close intricate passing game of the winners very often left him standing. Soong Ling-sing was the best of a mediocre trio, but he too was worked to a standstill, and because of his desire to help his forwards in the attack, he left Rietzen much alone for the latter to become dangerous. Lau Chung-sang was the weak spot in this department, and was unable to control the fast Fowler.

Both backs were erratic under pressure, and Tse Kam-hung was unable to reveal a semblance of his former self, where his steadiness under pressure was very much lacking. Although he cleared well at times, Hsu Yung-sang did not appear to be as confident. Sammy Tsang played as well as he expected, and the goals scored against him were not his fault. He was however somewhat overshadowed by the spectacular display of Bankier.

The Game

As both keepers were called upon to clear during the first ten minutes of the game, the defence of the Association was seen to good advantage, and it was soon evident that they were holding the upper hand. However, the Association one up when he headed the centre put in by Rietzen after the latter had been given the ball by Ferrier.

The Chinese went to the attack, and Chan Tak-fai had luck when he was rushed off his feet. Soon the Chinese player had to leave the field with a dislocated arm after a clash with Thomas. Bankier was penalised for carrying and Yeung Shui-yick equalised from the resultant kick.

Despite the handicap of playing with ten men, the Chinese took the lead through Wong King-chung when in a breakaway, the winger ran down the side line to send in a fast rising shot from about thirty yards out that had Bankier beaten all the way.

Crossing over with this slender lead, the Chinese were soon put on the defensive, and with the handicap of playing with ten men, this was soon told, when Rietzen's shot at goal after striking the cross bar was followed up by Fowler who made no mistake from close in.

With occasional breakaways, the Chinese were playing a great defensive game, and the halves were soon tiring. Bankier saved magnificently on several occasions, and Tsang equalised his efforts at the other end. A penalty was awarded against the Chinese for a foul on Howlett and Ferrier scored. The Association were doing most of the attacking, and Fowler scored his second goal when he crashed in Rietzen's pass from close quarters.

ASSOCIATION: Bankier; Roughley, Fraser; Freshwater, Bright, Thomas; Fowler, Le Page, Howlett, Ferrier, Rietzen.

FEDERATION: Sammy Tsang; Hsu Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung; Soong Ling-sing, Hsu King-sing, Lau Chung-sang; Yeung Shui-yick, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long, Kwok Ying-kie, Wong King-chung.

Club Beat Bank In Final Rugby Match

AFTER SHARING 10 points at the interval, Hongkong Bank went under the Hongkong R.U.F.C. by 16 points (two goals and two tries) to 5 (a goal) in the Club's final rugby match of the season at Happy Valley on Saturday.

It might be said that the heavy rain that fell was the turning point of the game, for in the second half the Club backs made a far better job of handling the slippery ball than did the Bank.

Thompson was very active behind the Club scrum, and opened up play on every possible occasion, while in the Club pack, Godfrey, Macrae, Redman and Burford were much in the limelight.

Thompson and Carruthers, the Bank defenders, too, were in great form and saved many a try with brilliant and hard tackling. It was they who held the Club down in the early stages when Club were often threatening their line.

The Game Bank scored first when Day cut through for a very good try that was converted by Aitkenhead.

Club retaliated strongly, and evened matters when Godfrey touched down in a favourable position for Redman to convert.

The second half was all in Club's favour. They dominated play, and it was not surprising that three tries were scored (one converted). Thompson twice crossed Bank's line, but Redman and Burford each failed with the respective kicks.

Late in the half, Godfrey completed the scoring and Redman converted. Hongkong Bank—Thompson; Feilden, Day, Carruthers, and Matthews; Aitkenhead and Harrington; Lee, Dunnell, Watson, Gairdner, Kennedy, Wylie, Layman, Moore.

Club—Van Leeuwen, Stewart, Charter, Morgan and Bosanquet; Thomson and Macrae; Macrae, Burford, Winkler, Needham, Hynes; Redman, Taylor and Godfrey.

Lawn Bowls

Kowloon C.C. Beat North Country Assn.

Though it may be difficult to estimate when one bowls season ends and when the other begins in Hongkong, one of the early matches of what might be called the new season was played at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, when the home side beat the Northumberland and Durham Association by 86 shots to 60.

Scores were:

A. C. Tebble, A. H. Martin, R. S. Meadows, W. W. Parsons lost to C. E. Turpin, E. Starling, S. Holter, T. W. Macdonald, A. E. P. Guest, H. Brokenshire, A. Stevens, L. Jack, G. H. G. Coates, R. A. Radford, C. G. G. Fraser 21-10.

R. S. Capell, R. T. Burch, G. E. Taylor, J. F. MacGowan, J. Y. Ramsey 20-10.

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, R. D. Wellwood.

St Joseph's Halt Indians In Pennant Race

PENNANT ASPIRATIONS of the Indians were shattered yesterday when St Joseph's drove in five runs to the three at the softball park, Kowloon F.C., in one of the major tussles of the Senior League.

Fans went wild in the third frame when the Indians batted in three runs, the first and only score of the day, and left the Saints two runs behind. In the same inning, however, the Saints lashed out and also brought in three across the plate, but even when they scored another in the succeeding canto the game was far from over.

Then the Indians were whitewashed for the remaining four frames, and the Saints were left high and dry at the top of the League table.

Scores at a glance:
Rietzen Aces 12, Filipinos 5.
St Joseph's 5, Indians 3.
Chinese 0, Recreation Aces 3.

Hongkong F.C. Annual Dinner

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Hongkong Football Club was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday night when some 150 members and guests gathered together.

Mr H. R. Forsyth, President of the Club, was in the Chair, and others included Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr N. E. Smith, (Colonial Secretary), Commodore A. C. Collinson, Col J. T. Simson, Captain Heath (Army), team captain, Lieut K. Watson (Navy), team captain, Mr P. Cullinan (Police team captain), Mr A. J. G. Taylor (Club captain), Mr K. W. Forrow (Club soccer captain), Mr C. Austin (Club Chairman).

The Chairman dealt in eloquent and amusing style with the activities of the Club during the year, and congratulated the Royal Navy on winning the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament.

Sir Atholl MacGregor replied for the Guests, and following the presentation of the Cup to the Navy captain, the captains of the Club and the Navy said a few words.

After dinner, the women guests joined the party which continued with dancing.

The King Sets Example At Nottingham

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King, who led a good example in encouraging other race-horse owners to keep the sport going despite reduced prices and feed-laws difficulties, was unsuccessful in his attempt to win an early Flat Racing prize at Nottingham to-day, with his classic horses.

His Majesty's stable-mate Longship started as a 100 to 7 long shot in the Culmber Three-Year-Old Plate, but also finished third.

His Majesty's trainer, Willie Jarvis, is pleased, however, with Longship's performance, but stated it was too early to say whether he will carry the Royal colours in the Derby.

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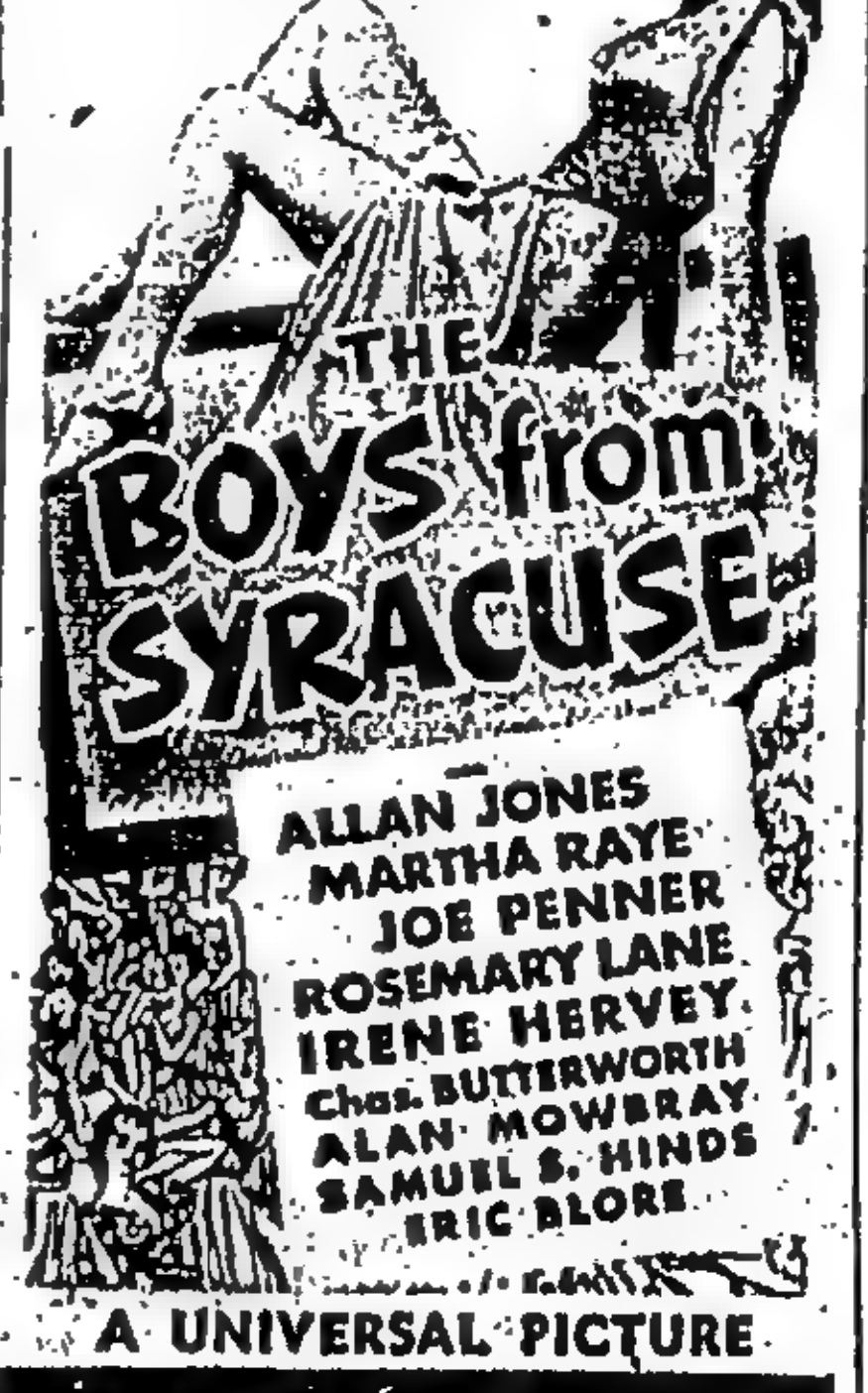
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Firing practice as under is notified for to-day.

(a) Reserved as alternative date between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for heavy anti-aircraft gun practice in the southern area of the Island for practice originally detailed for March 24 and 25 1941. Firing areas "C" will be affected. (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Firing practice as under is notified for to-morrow.

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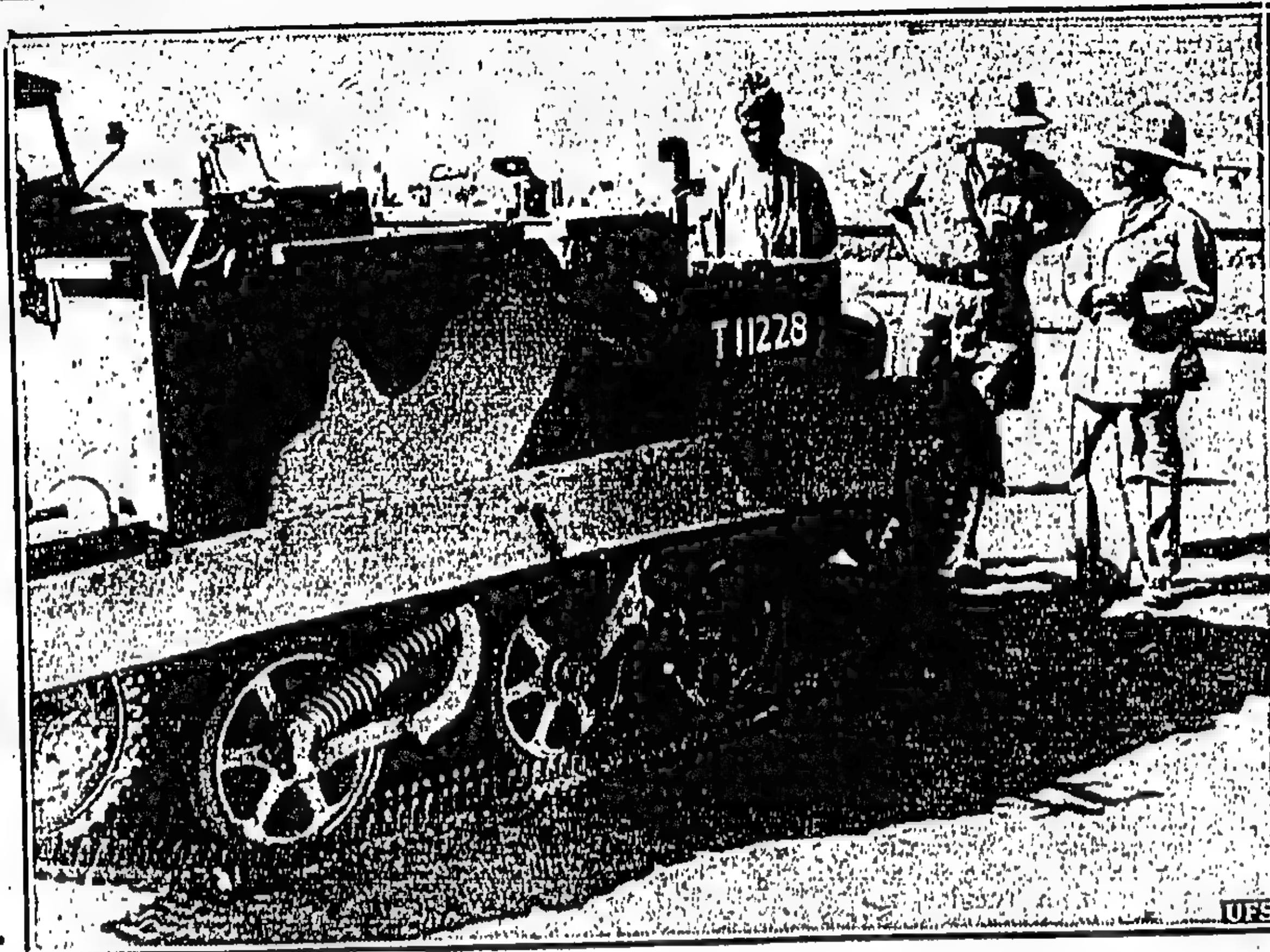
Light gun practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight, on April 2 1941. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice as under is notified for April 3 1941.

(a) Reserved as alternative date between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. for heavy gun practice originally detailed for March 27 1941. Firing areas "D" will be affected. (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice as under is notified for April 4 1941.

(a) Heavy Gun practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected. Alternative date—April 5 1941. (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.



EMPEROR LOOKS IT OVER—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, right, who is urging his tribesmen to organise and oust the Italians, inspects a Bren gun carrier somewhere in his country. It is part of the equipment for a native battalion led by British officers.

Cholera Incidence Still High

Seventeen cases of Cholera (12 from Victoria, four from Kowloon and one from Shaukiwan), two cases of Diphtheria, eight of Dysentery, one each Typhoid, Meningitis, and Puerperal Fever, and 22 of Tuberculosis, were reported on Friday.

The Cholera cases have reached a total of 557.

The Health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended March 22, shows the following cases of infectious diseases:—Small-pox, Macao two cases and Shanghai one case.

d'Aquino And Sze Sing In Rose Room

Gaston d'Aquino (tenor) and Y. C. Sze (bass), appeared with Harry Ore (pianist) in a recital in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel.

Harry Ore accompanied the singers and played two numbers.

Sze and d'Aquino gave to their songs fine infection of tone and impetus. d'Aquino's "Il Sogno" from "Manon" and Sze's "I Believe" (Dargomyzhsky) and "La Calunnia" from "Barber of Seville" were exquisitely rendered and deserving of plaudits.

Squall Hits Harbour

Missing And Saved

Forced to abandon their boat when caught in a storm off Stonecutter's Island on Saturday evening, Mr G. S. P. Heywood, Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory, and Mr Leslie C. Millington, of the Revenue Office swam ashore through a choppy sea and were picked up by a Police launch in charge of Sergeant Haynes and brought back to Kowloon late the same night. The boat was washed ashore later.

A sampan caught in the same squall was found washed ashore on the island but there was no sign of the occupants, a man and his wife, who are believed to have been drowned.

A strong wind caused a heavy swell over the harbour on Saturday afternoon and continued till late into the night, with intermittent rain, and many native craft and other small boats, taken almost unawares, had to make hastily for shore and safety.

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air campaign waged against our sea
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War Veterans

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from Britain have seen service in this
war and they are equipped with the
latest British material designed as a
result of the lessons learned during
the first year of warfare.

Indian Ceremony

An object of special note on the
deck of one transport was reverently
guarded, the "Granth Sahib" (the
sacred Scriptures of the Hindus),
which was escorted ashore with due
ceremony.

In his broadcast, Sir Shenton
Thomas said it was good to know that
in Malaya there was "the same happy
combination of British, Australian and
Indian units which a few weeks ago
had destroyed the Italian armies in
Libya."

He welcomed them, he said, because
"we wish for peace and strength is
the insurance of peace. We have no
desire to attack others but we will
and can defend ourselves."

Sir Shenton asserted that as a re-
sult of the Delhi conference Malaya
has organized a supply department
says a "United Press" message.
Malaya is producing sea mines and is
prepared to manufacture shell cases
and revolvers, and to convert lorries
into armoured cars. Malaya is also
investigating the possibility of pro-
ducing other war supplies of which
there may be a shortage.

NAZI NEWSPAPER ATTACKS BAN ON RAID NEWS

A bitter protest against sup-
pression of the facts about
British bombing of Germany is
made in the German newspaper
"Das Reich."

It says: "British bombers in the
past several months have, night after
night, persistently bombed the Rhine-
Ruhr district."

"The attacks were a very severe
test of nerves for the German people,
and all the more hard to endure be-
cause all this bombing is hardly men-
tioned in the German press."

Do People Know?

"The inhabitants of the areas often
ask themselves: 'Do the people of
Berlin and other parts of Germany
know how much we stand, spending
as we do, night after night in cellars
and being compelled to continue our
full day's work?'"

The paper also states: "The
amount of endurance of the British
people is greater than all the ton-
nage sunk by Germany."

"Their determination to put up
with lack of comforts, loss of prop-
erty, and rises in prices, is greater than
expected."

"It also seems that it is necessary
to make clear that England is far
from financially exhausted and hope
for this is dangerous."

No Raid Warning

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—
London had no air raid warning up
to a late hour to-night.

A single German raider dropped
some bombs in south-east Scotland
but caused no damage or casualties.
This is the only incident thus far
reported to-night.

City Fire Alarm

Two appliances from Central Fire
Brigade station were rushed to the
Bank of East Asia Building shortly
after 10 a.m. to-day in answer to a
telephone summons. Brigade officers
found on arrival that a small pile of
waste-paper had caught fire on the
sixth floor. No damage was done.

Bank Of China

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—
"Reuters" has been authorised to
make the following statement by the
Shanghai branch of the Central
Bank of China: "The necessary re-
pairs to their building having com-
pleted, the offices of the Shanghai
branch of the Central Bank of China
will resume business on Tuesday,
April 1."

De Gaulle At Keren

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Gen-
eral Charles de Gaulle, leader of the
Free French, recently visited the
Free French forces on the Keren
front.

LATE NEWS

German Army On The Move

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latest reports from Rome, adds the
German agency.

No Longer Pro-Axis

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—"A
return to the line of policy agreed to
by Yugo-Slavia at Vienna no longer
seems possible for the Simovitch Gov-
ernment," declares a Budapest des-
patch to the official German news
agency. It adds that political circles
in Rumania declare, on the basis of
information obtained from Belgrade,
that "measures adopted by the new
government are assuming a more
pronounced anti-Axis tendency."

"Irresponsible fanatics" have
caused this, declares the agency
which adds, "A grave impression was
made by the flight of peasants of
German origin from Yugo-Slavia to
Rumania."

Anti-Italian Gestures

The German radio reports anti-
Italian gestures last night in
Zagreb, the capital of Croatia but on
the other hand the agency reports
"perfect order and quiet" in Zagreb
where leaders of the Croat peasant
party are conferring on the situation
under the presidency of Dr. Matichuk.

The Ban (Governor) of Croatia,
Mr. Spuhlich, whom Matichuk sent
to Belgrade on behalf of the Croats,
has returned to Zagreb where he
immediately conferred with Matichuk.

A Belgrade telegram to the official
Italian agency tells of the arrests of
pro-Axis journalists, including Greg-
orich, the Director of the pro-Axis
newspaper "Vreme."

News from Yugo-Slav sources in
Belgrade emphasises that popular
enthusiasm is being kept strictly
within the limits of order and dis-
cipline.

The Simovitch Government is deal-
ing with current business, particu-
larly the budget.

Status Of Croats

VICHY, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Dr.
Matichuk, the Croat leader and first
Vice-Premier of the new Yugo-Slav
Cabinet, is expected to return to Bel-
grade from Zagreb on Tuesday, ac-
cording to a Belgrade dispatch to the
Vichy news agency.

He has been away from the capital
since the coup d'etat on Tuesday
and his not yet formally indicated
his acceptance of office as Vice-
Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet,
but the dispatch says that he has
now agreed in principle to participate
in the new government on receiving
assurances that there will be no
change in the status of Croatia which
was granted a measure of autonomy
in 1939.

President Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—
Having concluded his holiday cruise
on the Presidential yacht Potomac,
President Roosevelt to-day left by
train for Washington.

DEATH

SFAFFORD.—On 31st March, 1941,
at her residence No. 1, Broad-
wood Road, Mrs. Babina Libania
Sfaafford, mother of Mrs. J.
Gascon de Bernedo and Mrs. H.
M. Xavier. Funeral will pass the
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Anglo-French Duel

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of humanity did not do so, and the
merchant ships succeeded in entering
the nearby French port of
Mennours in Algeria.

"During the return of our forces to
Gibraltar, they were twice attacked
by French bomber formations with-
out suffering damage or casualties."

Vichy Version

VICHY, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The
French version of the Anglo-French
convoy incident says: "A considera-
ble British naval force attacked at
9 a.m. this morning in French terri-
torial waters between Mennours and
Oran a convoy of four French mer-
chant ships bound from Casablanca
to Oran under an escort of a single
French destroyer."

"The convoy took shelter in the
port of Mennours under the protection
of its escort, naval shore batteries and
aircraft which repelled to the fire of
the aggressors and drove them off."

"The convoy is safe and unharmed."
The French version of the Anglo-
French convoy incident, given in the
French Admiralty communiqué, also
claims that the cargo of the merchant-
ships concerned consisted solely of
commodities and products destined to
supply the native population of Al-
geria, namely, rice, sugar, barley, etc.

It adds: "All evidence and the route
followed by the ships along the Al-
gerian coast goes to show that it was
a transaction between two French
possessions. The attack on the con-
voy by the British warships cannot,
therefore, be explained by the neces-
sities of blockade, the object of which
is to prevent cargo ships taking food-
stuffs to belligerent countries."

"The communiqué proceeds to con-
tend that the British 'attack' was
entirely unjustifiable and 'incompre-
hensible.'"

Rubber From Bangkok

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—It is
revealed in London to-night that at
least one of the four French ships
challenged by British naval units in
the Mediterranean was carrying a
cargo of rubber and Germany is very
short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles
that at least one of these ships sailed
from Bangkok with rubber which
would inevitably find its way across
the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always
fully maintained her rights under
international law to search ships
suspected of carrying contraband
destined for Germany, and it has
long been notorious that French mer-
chantmen have been carrying to
French metropolitan ports various
materials, a high proportion of which
was immediately appropriated by
Germany.

Strange Attitude

It is considered here a strange re-
flection of French policy that she
should attack British forces at the
very time when the British Navy was
engaged in destroying the warships
of France's enemy, Italy.

Moreover, the French action, as
seen in London, appears particularly
untimely when Britain has indicated
her willingness to arbitrate her
international right to the extent of
allowing the passage of certain food-
stuffs in order to relieve the suffer-
ings in Unoccupied France caused by
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Germany Asks For Belgrade's Reply To-day Legation Officials Ready To Leave

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BELGRADE, Mar. 30 (UP).—Germany, through her Minister to Belgrade, Herr von Heeren, has asked the Yugo-Slavian Government for a clarification of its attitude to the Axis pact by sometime on Monday.

The German Legation and Consulate, after destroying yesterday many of their papers, were busy this morning transporting the permanent archives to two steamers which are waiting on the Danube.

Six auto-trucks are standing outside the German Consulate.

The time for the departure of the ships has not yet been fixed, but it may be this evening or to-morrow. The German colony, comprising mostly women and children are aboard.

German journalists are also preparing to leave.

The German Legation is trying to obtain a collective exit visa for the German colony.

Members of the German colony are also leaving by special train to-morrow.

Croat Collaboration

Despite some tendency towards alarmist reports, well-informed political circles this morning said that the collaboration of the Croats Government can be regarded as successfully settled. It was added that Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, is not in principle opposed to his own membership of the Cabinet, but he considers that by putting his signature to the recent decisions of the former Government he has placed himself in a position which might hamper active collaboration with the new Government.

It is reliably reported that the Government will probably take certain measures for the protection of the Yugo-Slavian frontier. The Government believes that the measures should cause no anxiety to neighbouring countries as General Simovitch, in the Government's first declaration, underlined Yugo-Slavian peaceable intentions and her desire for collaboration with all neighbours, merely insisting that Yugo-Slavian integrity should not be put to the question.

Best informed quarters declare that it is only in such a light that any extraordinary measures for the country should be viewed.

Lupescu Saves Life And Loses Property

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The remaining property in Rumania belonging to Madame Lupescu, who is accompanying ex-King Carol to Chile, has been confiscated, says a Bucharest message to the German news agency.

Colony Warned of Likely Currency Restrictions

An official statement on the recent decision to stop further remittances to areas outside the sterling bloc was issued to the "Telegraph" this morning by Mr. D. Kelvin-Stark, Assistant Financial Secretary. Residents whose families may have evacuated to Canada, the United States, the Philippines and other places outside the sterling area are affected by the decision.

The statement follows:—Instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that, otherwise than in very exceptional circumstances, all existing remittances outside the sterling area made by British subjects (other than Canadian citizens and British subjects of Chinese race) should cease three months after final notice has been given.

Final notice has not yet been given by this Government, as it was thought that certain aspects of the

LONDON, MAR. 30 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT THREE ITALIAN CRUISERS, FIUME, POLA, AND ZARA, HAVE BEEN SUNK AS WELL AS A LARGE ENEMY DESTROYER AND A SMALLER DESTROYER. THERE WERE NO BRITISH CASUALTIES.

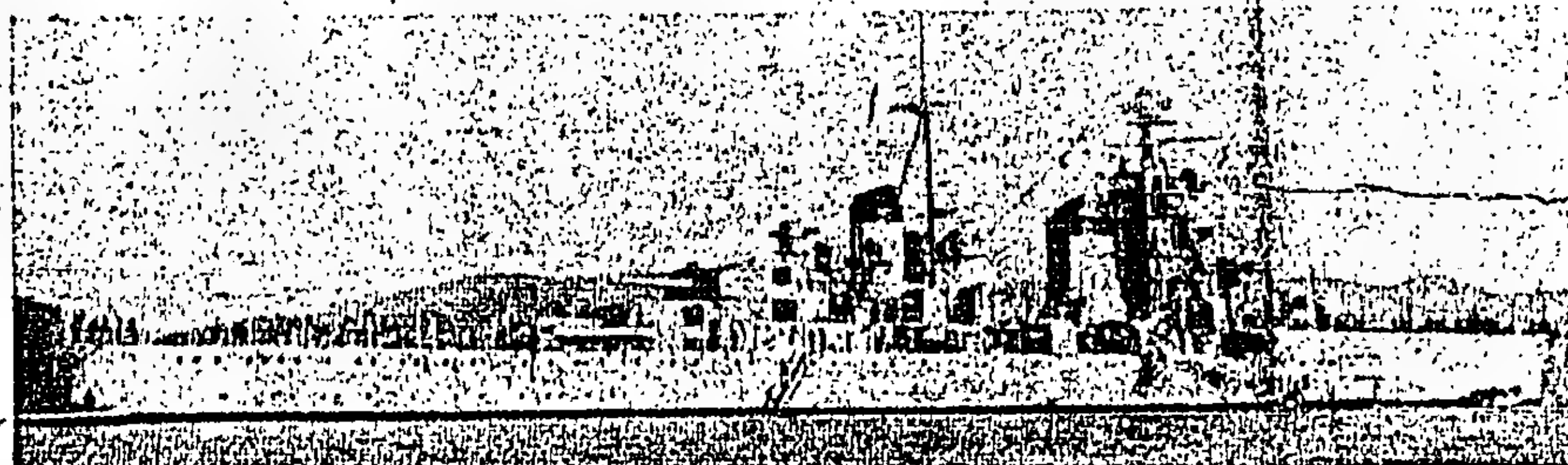
Latest news of the naval and air battle in the Mediterranean shows that Britain has struck the greatest blow of the war at sea.

Five Italian warships—three cruisers and two destroyers—have been sent to the bottom without a single casualty or the slightest damage to the British Fleet.

The news of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's operations is described briefly in the following communique issued by the Admiralty this evening:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that no casualties or damage were sustained by His Majesty's ships throughout the recent operation.

"Some of our aircraft are, however, not accounted for.



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British Naval Victory Hailed
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 30 (UP).—An Admiralty communique today said that the British navy emerged from the war's greatest naval engagement unscathed after severely damaging one Littorio class battleship and sinking three cruisers, which are presumed to be included in the four cruisers which were announced yesterday to have been severely damaged.

Naval quarters hailed Admiral Cunningham's victory and noted the generally superior speed of the Italian warships. Moreover, yesterday's Air Ministry communique placed the scene of the battle in the Ionian Sea within easy reach of the Italian bases.

To-day's communique left some doubt as to whether or not the Littorio class battleship escaped after being severely damaged, but the cryptic announcement indicated that other Italian warships were either sunk or damaged.

The week end engagement was the first sustained battle between the British and Italian fleets which becomes the Jutland of the Mediterranean.

Opportune Movement

The British victory comes at a moment when the Axis partners are making efforts to impress Mr. Mussolini with the certainty of a final totalitarian victory, and also coincides with the beginning of the last phase of the campaign against Mussolini's East African Empire.

Naval officials suggest that Admiral Cunningham may have sent faster

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Rolling Up Italians' Flanks

E. Africa Campaign
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 30 (UP).—

The Imperial forces are rolling up the Italian flanks to the north and south and are poised ready to sever two of the most important avenues of retreat for the Italians in central and western Abyssinia—the Djibouti railway at Direddawa and the railway to Massawa from Asmara.

Asmara, besides being the capital of Eritrea, is believed to be one of the chief citadels in East Africa and therefore it is expected that the Italians will offer stiff resistance. Asmara has good natural defences and moreover, the garrison will be reinforced by crack forces including the Savoy Grenadiers who are falling back from Keren. However, it is thought that the British victory at Keren, where the Italians were ordered to stand fast at all costs, must have been a serious blow to Italian morale.

Not Yet A Walk-over

A military spokesman at Cairo said the Italians are falling back "very rapidly" from Keren towards Asmara "but it isn't a walk-over yet."

The communique made reference to the British brushing aside resistance between Harar and Direddawa which substantiates the Italian broadcast claim that Direddawa has been evacuated. It is indicated that the cutting of the strategic railway communications from Abyssinia to French Somaliland may only be a matter of a few hours.

Rome Confession

LONDON, Mar. 30 (UP).—Radio Rome said that the Italians have retired to new positions west of the town following the evacuation of Direddawa. Italian planes attacked a strong British naval formation in the

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"So far, it is confirmed that the following Italian warships have been sunk: the eight-inch cruisers Fiume, Pola and Zara; the large destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto; and the destroyer Maestrale.

10,000-Ton Cruisers

"Further details are awaited." The Fiume, which was heavily armed, carried eight 8-inch guns among her armament and her complement was 705 officers and ratings.

All the three cruisers were of 10,000 tons. The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto was completed in 1936 and had a displacement of 1,700 tons and a complement of 157.

The Maestrale had similar armaments but her displacement was 1,500 tons.

Survivors Reach Greece

ATHENS, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Survivors have been landed at Piræus from three Italian ships sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean by British warships.

The three Italian cruisers, Fiume, Pola and Zara, and one Italian destroyer are represented among these survivors. They were brought in by a Greek destroyer.

LATEST

British Bombers Light Up The Coast

Terrific Attacks
On Invasion Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, Mar. 30 (UP).—A continuous stream of British planes roared across the Channel to attack the invasion ports to-night.

They started about 9 o'clock and made Calais their main target in the first hour.

Although the weather was clear on the English side of the Straits, over the French coast the sparkle of bursting shells and bunched searchlights stood out against a heavy bank of clouds.

There did not seem to be a large number of planes raiding, but several groups were operating at different points as searchlights here and there were switched on for a few minutes. Once near Calais, there was a terrific flash and then a sheet of flame, about 200 feet in the air, burned fiercely, lighting up the coast for a few minutes, and then it suddenly went out as if a ship on fire had suddenly sunk.

The raid appeared to extend northward from Calais to Dunkirk. Several large fires were started, the glare of which extended along the coast.

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TRIPOLI HIT British Bombers In Action

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The important harbour of Tripoli was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday-Saturday. Bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued today. It states:

"Italian East Africa.—There was further intensive activity by the R.A.F. in the Asmara area yesterday. In the town itself, the main station buildings, truck, sidings and motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport and troops on the roads in the same area were heavily bombed and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others were damaged.

Free French Airmen

"Aircraft of the Free French squadron took part in the raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara where military buildings were demolished by direct hits. "North of Desaye and in the Awash area, considerable damage was done to a large concentration of motor vehicles when they were bombed and machine-gunned. "The railway station at Metahari was also dive-bombed and the railway line was damaged.

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force carried out successful bombing and machine-gun attacks on motor transport and buildings in the Negel area. Near Direddawa, motor transport vehicles were overturned and many others were observed to be damaged after a machine-gun attack from the air.

Shipping Damaged

"Libya.—During the night of March 26-27, Royal Air Force bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli. Large bombs were observed to fall among the shipping and others were seen bursting between the wireless station and the main electric power station.

"Albania.—Three successful offensive reconnaissances were made yesterday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukat and Dukat. "From these operations, all our aircraft returned safely."

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Further Late News



"He says someone's pinched 'is bike'—Ted Corfield in the 'Sydney Bulletin'.

30 AXIS SHIPS SEIZED BY U.S.

By ARTHUR DE GREVE
Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (UP).—The United States today placed 28 Italian and two German merchant ships, now in United States territorial waters, under protective custody to safeguard the harbours of the United States from sabotage. The future disposition of the vessels is uncertain.

FRENCH FIRE ON BRITISH WARSHIPS

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).

An incident in which French shore batteries in Algiers opened fire on some British light naval forces is related in an official communique issued by the Admiralty.

It states: "Reports have been received that a convoy of four merchant ships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that convoy carried important war materials for Germany.

"Accordingly orders were given for intercepting the convoy which, however, passed through the Straits within Spanish territorial waters. Our forces caught up with the French ships after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"The French shore batteries in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships notwithstanding that they were merely engaged in the exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights. "His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence and hits were observed on the shore batteries.

Escape To Nemours

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries, our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchant ships and their escort, but in the interests of humanity did not do so, and the

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The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, ordered the taking-over of the vessels after President Roosevelt had approved the plan.

The United States Army, controlling the Canal Zone, took over the 20,000-ton Italian liner Conte Biancamano which is tied up at Cristobal. The others are all 6,000-ton vessels and have been in United States waters since the beginning of the war.

Must Compensate

Commenting on the reports that the ships could be forfeited if sabotage was proved, Senator Walter George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a recognised authority on international law, said he knew of no principle to justify the Government in seizing and using foreign owned vessels without compensating their owners. Experts agreed that the Government is legally empowered to take

JAPANESE NAVY MAKING READY To Meet Trouble In The Pacific

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (International).—Tokyo dispatches stated that the Japanese navy is making preparations in the event of a naval war in the Pacific. It is persistently reported that Admiral Seizo Kobayashi, former Governor-General of Formosa and one of the chief exponents of the southern movement, will assume a high naval post in Hainan Island in place of the late Admiral Baron Mino Omori.

Admiral Osami Nagano, member of the Supreme War Council and former Navy Minister, is to resume sea command to take over some of the duties of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet.

These naval moves are said to be prompted by fear that the United States may enter the war in the summer or autumn.

Yugo-Slavia & Turkey May Form An Alliance

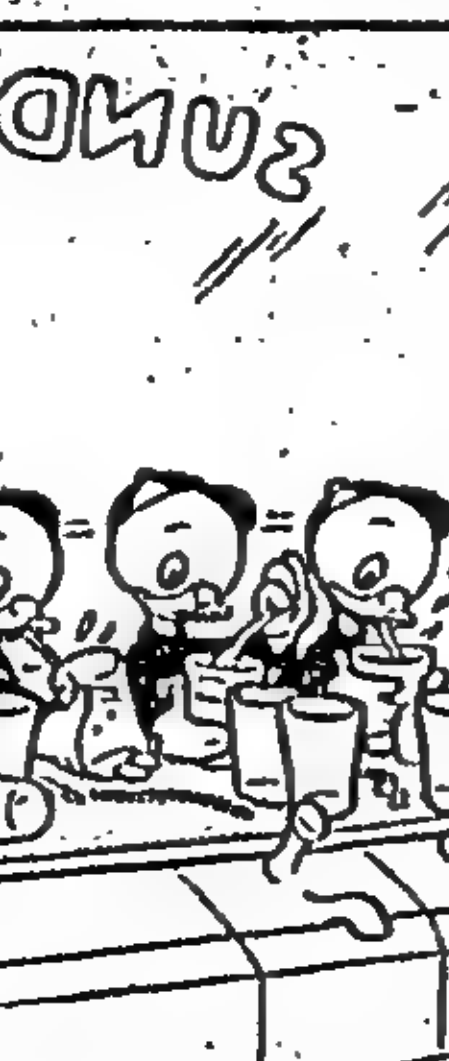
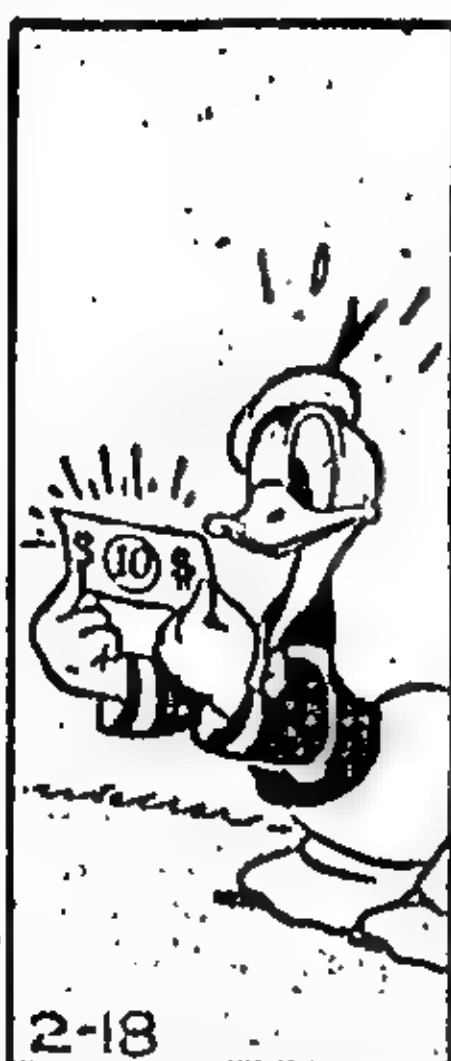
Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 30 (UP).—It is learned that the Yugo-Slavian Ambassador, M. Ilija Choumenkovich has a long conference with M. Sarajoglu, Turkey's Foreign Minister, at the Foreign Office in Ankara.

It is understood that he made the first Yugo-Slavian move towards accepting the proposals the Turks made several months ago for the creation of some sort of common Yugo-Turk stand. It is very reliably reported that M. Choumenkovich will leave for Belgrade shortly.

Well informed quarters believe that in the talks with the Yugo-Slavs it is unlikely that the Turks would commit themselves to anything except defensive military action. Some expect the talks to lead to a joint Yugo-Turk declaration, while Greece will probably later be included in a Yugo-Greek-Turkish bloc.

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City Fire Alarm

Two appliances from Central Fire Brigade station were rushed to the Bank of East Asia Building shortly after 10 a.m. to-day in answer to a telephone summons. Brigade officers found on arrival that a small pile of waste paper had caught fire on the sixth floor. No damage was done.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

DISCHARGED ON ASSAULT COUNT

Owing to the absence of the complainant, L. O. Chi-him, 31, Hawker Road, 35, private watchman, was discharged by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court on a charge of assault. It was originally alleged that Singh assaulted L. O. Chi-him at Sheum's Circus, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo, recently.

G. R.

A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade Rules.

Particulars of service, etc. may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application, in writing, for the post, should reach that Officer by noon, Monday, 7th April, 1941.

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5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Old Times in Swingtime.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together'.

7.30 An Orchestral Programme with Paul Robeson (Bass).

Fairy Tale (Heykens), Tom Jones and His Orchestra, Deep River (Burleigh), Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano, Ismay—Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff), New Symphony Orchestra (Balakireff), New Symphony Orchestra (Balakireff), New Symphony Orchestra (Balakireff).

8.05 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.05 Reginald Ford at the Organ.

8.15 London Relay—H. G. Wells.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Compositions of Liszt.

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12, Mischevitz (Piano), Consolation No. 3, Natan Milstein (Violin) with Piano, Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem, Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem, Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem.

10.0 London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).

'Rigoletto'—Gilda's Aria; Carosone (Verdi), 'I Puritani' (Bellini), Son vergin vèzzosa, Qui la voce tua soave, with Orchestra.

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11.0 Close down.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
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Demand London	11/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	448
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	48 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	105
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	103
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	11/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	11/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	84 1/2
39 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,748,079.78 was received on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:—
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Matsuoka Leaves For Rome

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has left Berlin for Rome.

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30 (Central News).—Yen Lung-wei, pro-Nationalist President of the Shanghai District Court in Nantao, narrowly missed death yesterday afternoon when four shots were fired at him: All the shots missed their target.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Performs

2—Makes noise like lion

3—Purrow land

4—Chinthe hole

5—Showiness of achievement

6—Bait

7—Hero of Irish myth

8—Subject of discourse

9—Additions to house

10—One who determines aim

11—Small opening

12—Smoking utensil

13—Body of kindred

14—Small variety of shadow

15—Members of prominent family

16—Years of life

17—Went away

18—Trap

19—Louse eggs

20—Get out of way of

21—Pierce, as with spear

22—Makes level

23—Rattling images

24—Cloth and handle for scrubbing

25—Means of relieving pain

26—Stitch-like mammalia

27—Reddish color

28—Superiorly over competitor (pl.)

29—Drink excessively

30—Part-colored Mexican blanket

31—Genus of polypoids

32—Yellow color

33—Strong drink (pl.)

34—Driving instrument

35—Person's name

36—Adorning, as oneself

37—Spent unprofitably

38—Look at in admiration

39—Where sun sets

40—Herring-like fish of India

41—Moving ruminant

42—Creek

43—Pieces of glass

44—Pointed arch

45—Circular frame

46—Call forth

47—Child's name

48—Mistake

49—Toasts away

50—Reddish color

51—Those who grow harshly

52—Perplex

53—Perplex

54—Arrest

55—Sodium chloride

56—Bridal forth

57—Rounded, as bell

58—Rectangular framed piece

59—Back away

60—System of signals

61—Poisonous animal

62—Official endorsement

63—Donated

64—British Foreign Secretary

65—Dispatched

66—Reclined in chair

DOWN

1—Artist

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Rolling Up Italians' Flanks

FROM PAGE ONE

East Mediterranean. Italian torpedo planes torpedoed a light cruiser, German planes hit an aircraft-carrier with three heavy calibre bombs.

Blasting Towards Asmara

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The siege tactics around Keren have now given way to warfare in which the work of our Indian sappers is of first importance. Blasting away road blocks which the retreating enemy has placed in the way of the British forces, they are opening the way for a British advance on Asmara.

The Eritrean capital lies in the bowl of the mountains at the end of a winding mountain road that zig-zags through dingles and up the mountain sides to a height of 7,000 feet. The tactics of the withdrawing Italians consist of dynamiting the cliffs, bringing an avalanche on to the highway and creating temporarily an effective block which the enemy covers with machine-guns from the surrounding heights.

Machine-Gun Posts

While our infantry mop up these machine-gun posts, gangs of sappers set to work to blast a way through the mass of rock. On the rapidity of their work depends the speed of our advance.

Latest reports indicate that the first big block, 40 miles from Asmara, has been successfully overcome.

A military spokesman revealed to-day that one-third of the prisoners taken at Keren are Italians and the rest native troops. He placed the number of Italian dead and seriously wounded at 5,000 or 6,000.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$	1,340 b.
H.K. Banks \$	74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$	77 n.
Chartered \$	21 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A & B \$	21 1/2 n.
Mercantile C \$	10 1/2 n.
East Asia \$	70 b.

INSURANCES	
Cantons \$	222 1/2 b. & sn.
Union \$	430 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	185 sn.

SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	135 n.
Stamboats \$	0 n.
Indo-China P. \$	60 b.
Indo-China D. \$	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterbous \$	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$ x.d.	86 b.
Docks (old) \$ x.d.	18.65 b.
Providents \$	5.50 b. & sn.
Shal Dockyard \$	28 n.

MINING	
Kailan n/	15/- n.
Raubas \$	8 n.
H.K. Mines \$	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels \$	3.15 b.
Lands \$	32 1/2 b.
Lands 4 1/2 Debutures	97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$	12.10 n.
Humphreys \$	0.70 b.
H.K. Realities \$	3 b.
Chinese Estates \$ x.d.	98 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams \$	10.40 b.
Peaks Trams (old) \$	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$	2.15 n.
China Lights (old)	0.20 b.
China Lights (new)	1 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric \$ c.r.	39 1/2 sn.
Macao Electric (old) \$	18 1/2 b.
Macao Electric (new) \$	17 1/2 b.
Sundakan Lights \$	12 n.
Telephones (old) \$ x.d.	23 1/2 b.
Telephones (new) \$ x.d.	0 b.

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Cold. Macg. (Pref.) Sh.	25 n.
Canton Tees \$	1 n.
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H.K. Ropes \$	7.30 s.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms \$ x.d.	17 n.
Watson \$ x.d.	9.70 b.
Lane Crawford \$	7 1/2 n.
Sincere \$	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	38 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	1.00 n.

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Shai Cotton Sh. \$	200 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4 1/2 %	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 %	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/4 % (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt 5 1/2 % 1925 GSlds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$ x.d.	0.30 b.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
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DEATH

SPAFFORD.—On 31st March, 1941, at her residence No. 1, Broadwood Road, Mrs. Babin Libania Spafford, mother of Mrs. J. Spafford, of Bermuda and Mrs. H. M. Xavier. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Monday, March 31, 1941.

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LEGAL FOG

THE ordinary citizen has often wondered why Acts of Parliament and Departmental edicts must be clothed in language that he cannot understand—language that often puzzles lawyers themselves and causes endless litigation. There seems to be no escape from this legal fog, though no one can give a satisfactory explanation of why it should be so.

The latest triumphs of the Circumlocution Office are found in the War Damage Bill which, since its importance to millions of people is so obvious, should surely be expressed in the clearest language. One who has been studying the Bill quotes the following as legal language at its worst:

"For the purpose of the preceding paragraph of this part of this schedule the proportion appropriate as at any date to a tenancy which at that date had still to run any period specified in the first column of the table set out in part two of this schedule is the proportion specified in relation to that period in that one of the succeeding columns of the table which corresponds with the proportion which the rent payable under the tenancy bears to the land comprised therein."

Some time ago the Prime Minister appealed for simple, direct language in official documents. There is little evidence that the advice has been taken to heart, or that the Departments have produced any rivals to Mr Churchill's own pointed, colourful style. As for the draughtsmen of Parliamentary Bills, they will presumably be the last to surrender to the simpler English movement. This would be the easier to understand if they always achieved 100 per cent. clarity, which they seldom do.

Paragraphs like that quoted strengthen the case for a separate Scottish measure, which, because of the wide differences of the legal codes of the two countries in relation to property, seems to be essential. In any case, if Parliament does not succeed in licking the Bill into understandable shape, thousands of bomb victims may be

OUR GREAT NEW ARMY—SECOND ARTICLE

By

H. V. Morton

WARFARE in 1941 is not really as new and unorthodox as it may seem.

Only the weapons are new. Otherwise, the war itself is a return to old-time methods—to movement and surprise, to ambushes and spies, to generals in the front line.

Saul, Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar would have understood it much better than, say, General Gamelin did.

And the Army we have created to fight this war, the second great citizen army in a quarter of a century, is now fully trained or in training.

It is an Army of 2,000,000 men, and is representative of the nation. It contains all fit men, not in essential war industries, between the ages of 20 and 34.

And as the age groups fall to the older categories more and more men with established civilian backgrounds and proved civilian abilities become incorporated in this great force.

What is this Army of 1941 like, and how does it differ from the Army of 1914?

A man who knew the old Army well, and is now training the new one, said this to me:

"Since Hitler came to power German youth has been cunningly educated for war. War and the Army have been idealised.

"Our own young men have lived in a country which has not only striven to keep the peace, but has extolled all the arts of peace.

No Illusions

"They are without illusions. They are grim realists. Young Germans may discover that war is not all their leaders have cracked it up to be; our boys have no romantic illusions, and are therefore dangerous.

"So far as character goes, this Army is similar to the last one. How could it fail to be so? Our younger soldiers are the sons and the



Militiamen, newly called up, report for duty, leaving their civilian lives behind them.

Watchwords: ATTACK! SPEED! ORGANISATION!

grandsons of the men of 1914-18.

"The solid core of their character is the same, but there are notable differences.

"The world has moved fast in twenty-five years, and these young men are the children of their time.

"They are better educated than their fathers.

"They are infinitely more technical.

"They possess a qualification which is very necessary in days when one private soldier with an automatic weapon can command the fire power of one of Wellington's battalions; and that is—individuality."

I told him that after Dunkirk I noticed that men I knew in the B.E.F. had returned with a cold hatred of the enemy.

"Many had been infuriated by the sight of machine-gunned women and children, and all longed only to get to grips with the enemy again.

Coupled with this was the feeling that, man for man, the British soldier was more than a match for his adversary. I asked if the Army still felt like that.

"The B.E.F. considered that it never had a fair chance," he replied, "and the longing it felt after Dunkirk, and still feels, to show the enemy what it can do, runs right through the Army from top to bottom.

"When the history of this war comes to be written one of the

biggest stories of the year 1940 will be the way industry has re-equipped the Army.

"I mean the way the factories and the workshops have poured out munitions and guns, tanks, lorries, and every conceivable object until at this moment the Army need no longer think in terms of withdrawals to prepared positions.

"The defensive school of thought is dead and done for; the British Army to-day is thinking in terms of attack."

What It's Doing

I then said that, in spite of the fact that 2,000,000 men are under arms in Britain, the Army is strangely elusive and secretive. What is it doing?

"The Field Army, which is the trained army ready to go into action at any moment, is still in training," he replied, "for no army can be too highly trained. All other troops are in various stages of training, and, as they become proficient, are drafted into the Field Army, which is consequently growing larger every day.

"On the Continent the work of building up an army numbered by the million is the work of years under easy peace time conditions.

"The British Army is faced in war with the task of achieving in almost as many months the same 'professional standard' of discipline, training and organisation.

Two Millions

"The two million men now under arms are not apart from certain specialised contingents—being trained for any special

mission in any particular part of the world.

"They are being trained as an army; an army capable of taking on any job of work in face of any enemy in whatsoever part of the world the Empire's war effort may demand it.

"It is being trained, in the largest sense of the word, for triumph on the field of battle.

"At the present time no man can say where will be the decisive battlefield of this war, but if that decisive battle assumes the form of large-scale land operations the British Army will take the stage—and lead the attack.

"Is anyone in the Army guilty of the well-known sin of thinking in terms of the last war?"

"No one in authority. This is a new Army and a new War. The sovereign quality of warfare to-day is speed.

"The tempo of war in 1914-18 was to be measured in terms of yards per annum; to-day it is to be measured in terms of miles per day.

"This speed is reflected in every phase of the Army's training. This is also a war of technicians. It demands more from the individual than any previous war.

"It is a war of organisation. Behind every soldier are many more civilian workers necessary to his efficiency than ever before. Industry and the Army are two sides of the same coin.

New Training

"We have learned much from the war on the Continent, though some new phases of Army training are still on the secret list, and cannot be discussed.

"The new Army Air Co-operation Command is perfecting immediate bomber support for forward units based on German methods in Poland and France. The lesson of the dive bomber has not been lost on us, and it may be interesting to note that dive bombing, like the tank, is a British invention!

"The first dive bombing was carried out in the last war by British aircraft operating against the Senussi in the Western Desert.

"Other activities are a link-up between the air arm and artillery. I have said enough to prove that the British Army has not been wasting its time since the Battle of Britain began."

All Changed

"And what of the German Army?"

"Apart from its armoured divisions, there is no evidence to suggest that it is in any way comparable to the German Army, 1914-18, which the British Army soundly thrashed in the field.

"Its successful invasion of Western Europe was an operational and administrative triumph, but the German Army was never called upon to stand up to the only test that matters—the test of prolonged battle.

"It was also never called upon to stand up to an army that was not afraid of it."

So those of us who remember 1914 can look with affection and admiration on the Army of 1941, conscious at the same time that we can give our sons no advice because this time War, Army—everything—is different.

TO-MORROW:

A Visit to a Young Soldiers' Battalion

Vatican Condemns Germany

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—A call to Catholic Germany to awake and face the pagan tendencies which the Nazi regime is spreading throughout the Reich and occupied territory was made in a broadcast by the Vatican wireless to-day.

The announcer declared that the religious situation in Germany was highly unsatisfactory and condemned the Nazi attitude to the Church in outspoken terms.

The threat of state religion, hung over all religious life in these territories, the announcer said that lecturers, teachers and propagandists inculcate pagan principles into German youth, who are deprived of proper religious instruction.

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Crack New Troops and Airmen Reach Singapore

SINGAPORE, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The first units of the British Army and Royal Air Force to reach the Far East from the United Kingdom since the war began, have arrived in Singapore. This announcement was made to-day by the C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, announcing additional reinforcements.

He added that the majority of the newcomers were of famous Indian regiments. The personnel of the R.A.F. includes some of Britain's crack fighter pilots while the British Army reinforcements include artillery, infantry and mechanised units.

The Indian reinforcements include Punjabis, Mussulmans, Rajputs and Dogras as well as troops from Indian states in both north and south India. After announcing the arrivals to-day, Air Marshal Brooke-Popham declared: "Our greatly increased strength in the East is a threat to no-one, but on the other hand, it is a great stabilising force and influence for peace. Already India and Australia have sent strong forces to this area and they are continuing to play a most important part in maintaining the status quo in the Far East."

"It is cause for considerable satisfaction to be able to record that the situation in other theatres of war is so favourable that forces from so far distant as the United Kingdom can not only be spared for service in this area but can be transported safely in spite of the concentrated sea and air campaign waged against our sea communications throughout the world."

War Veterans

Many of the military reinforcements from Britain have seen service in this

war and they are equipped with the latest British material designed as a result of the lessons learned during the first year of warfare.

Sir Shenton Thomas, the Governor of Singapore, in a broadcast this evening, greeted the reinforcements "cordially and gratefully."

Hundreds of Indians were at the docks to welcome the Indian reinforcements of troops, who appeared extremely fit.

An object of special note on the deck of one transport was reverently guarded the "Grantha Sahib" (the sacred Scriptures of the Hindus), which was escorted ashore with due ceremony.

In his broadcast, Sir Shenton Thomas said it was good to know that in Malaya there was "the same happy combination of British, Australian and Indian units which a few weeks ago had destroyed the Italian armies in Libya."

He welcomed them, he said, because "we wish for peace and strength is the insurance of peace. We have no desire to attack others but we will and can defend ourselves."

GERMAN ARMY ON THE MOVE

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from the south to the north via the Kinajovo road through the suburbs of Sofia, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the independent French agency.

The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwlongrad, on the Bulgo-Turkish frontier.

Atrocities Campaign
LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—All German broadcasts to-night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia, and it is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaign preceding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Mobilisation
BELGRADE, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Extra military classes were called up to-night. It is announced that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontier.
A fifth batch of Italian civilians left by express for Milan last night. Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated that most Germans and Italians here will have left by Tuesday.

Envoy To Turkey
ANKARA, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey is leaving for Belgrade this evening. It is understood that he has been recalled by his government for consultation.

Frontier Closed
LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—The German radio to-night reported that the frontier between Yugoslavia and Styria (Austria) has been closed by the Yugoslav authorities.
Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency. The first special train with some 800 Germans left this evening. Another train leaves early to-morrow morning.
Not only Italian journalists but leave Yugoslavia, according to the latest reports from Rome, adds the German agency.

No Longer Pro-Axis
LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—"A return to the line of policy agreed to by Yugoslavia at Vienna no longer seems possible for the Simovitch Government," declares a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency. It adds that political circles in Rumania declare, on the basis of information obtained from Belgrade, that "measures adopted by the new government are assuming a more pronounced anti-Axis tendency."
"Irresponsible fanatics" have caused this, declares the agency which adds, "A grave impression was made by the flight of peasants of German origin from Yugoslavia to Rumania."

Anti-Italian Gestures
The German radio reports anti-Italian demonstrations last night in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia but on the other hand the agency reports "perfect order and quiet" in Zagreb where leaders of the Croat peasant party are conferring on the situation under the presidency of Dr. Matichuk.
The Ban (Governor) of Croatia, Mr. Spubachitch, whom Matichuk sent to Belgrade on behalf of the Croats, has returned to Zagreb where he immediately conferred with Matichuk.
A Belgrade telegram to the official Italian agency tells of the arrests of pro-Axis journalists, including Gregorich, the Director of the pro-Axis newspaper "Vreme".
News from Yugoslav sources in Belgrade emphasises that popular enthusiasm is being kept strictly within the limits of order and discipline.
The Simovitch Government is dealing with current business, particularly the budget.

Status Of Croats
VICHY, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Dr. Matichuk, the Croat leader and first Vice-Premier of the new Yugoslav Cabinet, is expected to return to Belgrade from Zagreb on Tuesday, according to a Belgrade despatch to the Vichy news agency.
He has been away from the capital since the coup d'etat on Thursday and has not yet formally indicated his acceptance of office as Vice-Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet, but the despatch says that he has

now agreed in principle to participate in the new government on receiving assurances that there will be no change in the status of Croatia which was granted a measure of autonomy in 1939.

KIANGSI VICTORY Encirclement Of Japanese

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30 (Central News).—In the Battle of Kiangsi, the Chinese forces have scored a smashing victory over the Japanese, declared the spokesman of the National Military Council in a press interview yesterday.

Among the casualties suffered by the Japanese was one division commander according to Japanese captives.

Three Japanese divisions participated in the recent abortive offensive in northern Kiangsi. Advancing in three routes, the northern column was intercepted at an early stage of the campaign and thrown back with losses, while the central and southern columns pushed forward and penetrated to areas north-east of Shanghai, south-west of Kaom and the southern bank of the Chin River, where they have been dispersed, cut up and decimated.

Held In Net
Surrounded by the Chinese in these areas since March 22, the spokesman continued, the Japanese have made repeated attempts to escape encirclement but so far have been frustrated.

The battlefield is strewn with Japanese war dead. Most of the bodies are minus one hand which, according to Japanese captives, has been cut off and taken away as identification of the men killed in action. War booty includes field pieces, machine-guns, rifles and ammunition.

Fengsin Recaptured
SHANGHAI, Mar. 30 (Central News).—Fengsin, important city in northern Kiangsi was recaptured by the Chinese yesterday afternoon following a sanguinary engagement.

The Japanese are retreating. Chinese authorities have entered the city and are taking immediate measures for the relief of the refugees.

Attack In Rain
SHANGHAI, Mar. 29 (Central News).—Taking advantage of a rain-storm, Chinese forces yesterday launched a surprise assault on Kuan-chiao, strategic point north-east of Shanghai, and ejected the Japanese from the town.

South Kwangtung
WAHWEUNG, Mar. 30 (Central News).—Encountering strong Chinese resistance, the various Japanese columns driving inland from the southern Kwangtung coast are being steadily checked. Heavy fighting is now proceeding in both the Hoiung and Chuoyung areas.

In the Chuoyung area, the Japanese are pushing west apparently with Kityeung as their objective.

President Roosevelt
NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuter).—Having concluded his holiday cruise on the Presidential yacht, Polomac, President Roosevelt to-day left by train for Washington.

Mak Pai, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's court on a charge of larceny with intent to the value of \$120 from Mrs. E. Snyder on March 29.

COMPANY MEETING

Entertainment & Land Investment

A net profit of \$63,267.91 was reported at the annual general meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd., this morning.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, who was in the chair, said: "I take great pleasure in announcing that to-day is our Tenth Anniversary. On March 31, 1931 we commenced business and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking our Shareholders, patrons and tenants for their kind support. During the past decade the Company has paid away in Rates and Entertainment Taxes a total of over three quarters of a million dollars. I am pleased to say that at no time during the past ten years has this Company been so sound financially as it is now and with your kind support we hope to keep up this good state of affairs year after year."

Business generally throughout the year, considering the abnormal condition prevailing, can be considered as good.

As in previous years we have given several successful performances and donations to various charitable organisations and war funds.

The investment side of the Account is practically the same as the preceding year as all shops and offices in the Building have been let and, due to the central site of the building, all tenants have done a good year's business.

Profit On Year
The profit for the year ending December 31, 1940 after providing \$65,438.20 for depreciation and \$13,031.50 for war and property Taxes amounted to \$63,267.91 and including the balance brought forward from 1939's account of \$10,986.41 makes available for distribution \$90,254.32. Out of this, your Directors recommend a payment of a dividend of 70 cents per share absorbing \$80,900.00 leaving to be carried forward to this year's account the sum of \$10,354.32. The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Seconded by Mr. Li Kwok-ying, the proposal was carried unanimously.

Appointments
Mr. Li Jowson and Mr. George Y. Sun were re-elected Directors on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Chang Kwai-ping. The Chairman also proposed the re-election of Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors, and seconded by Mr. Lowe Po-lun, the proposal was carried.

Those present were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow (Chairman), Dr. S. W. T'ao, Messrs Li Jowson, Liang Chi-hao, George Y. Sun, K. L. Choy, Y. W. Chang, Chang Kwai-ping, Li Lin-chi, K. Y. Chang (Directors), Messrs Li Shiu-chung, Lowe Kwok-ying, Chang Kwai-ping and Sun Wing-kwong (shareholders).

Winding Up Petition Withdrawn

Parties In Agreement

Application was granted by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning for the withdrawal of a petition for the winding up of the Kam Ling Hotel Co., Ltd., No. 400 Queen's Road West, which was presented to the Court on February 21 by Yiu Cheong, Hon. Kee Stall, Chun Chong Stall, Hon. Sang Stall, Ching Woo Stall, Sing Kee Stall, Yiu Hing stall and Cheung Shing Kee Stall, all fish-dealers at the Western Market, and Cheung Fat Stall, poultry dealers at the Western Market.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., appeared for all parties concerned. He was instructed by Mr. A. A. Silva, Solicitor for Petitioners, by Mr. F. H. Losely, Solicitor for the Liquidators, Messrs Wong Chuk-sum and Lui Hing, and by Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, Solicitor for some of the creditors.

Costs Of Action

Mr. D'Almada, in an application for permission to withdraw the petition, said that the parties had come to an agreement for a voluntary liquidation. He asked that the petition be withdrawn on the terms that the cost of the Petitioner, the supervising creditors and the Liquidators in the winding up proceedings as from the date of the petition be paid, as between solicitor and client, out of the assets of the voluntary winding up and as the first charge against the assets.

His Lordship agreed to the terms.

ROBBERY Young Married Woman's Allegation

A report of a robbery was made to the Police yesterday by Wong Kitching, a 25-year-old married woman of No. 402 Reclamation Street. Wong stated that at 9.15 p.m. yesterday four unidentified Chinese entered her house and after gagging her stole jewellery and money to the total value of \$90. The intruders were armed with daggers.

A fatal traffic accident occurred in Kowloon yesterday involving Ho Fung-kee, a 65-year-old man, and a Kowloon Motor Bus. He was knocked down at Shanghai Street while he was crossing the Road.

Dock Company Turns Corner To Prosperity

The foundations for the sea walls of a new deep-water berth for the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. are now under construction and before long the Company will have an additional berth suitable for large ships. This was given as one of the main developments of the Company in the past year by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell presiding at the Company's Ordinary Yearly Meeting which was held in Queen's Building at noon to-day.

Mr. Dodwell also referred to the loyal co-operation of the Staff, both European and Chinese, who had been working with a thorough understanding of the importance of the national work upon which the Company was engaged.

There were present:—The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. L. Kadoori, Mr. D. Drummond, and Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors), and Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., M.I.N.A., (Chief Manager) and Mr. E. L. Hosie (Secretary).
Shareholders present were: Messrs A. Yawwan, K. H. Lo, K. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Messrs Leung Fat-lun, Wong Chi-po, M. H. Lo, G. W. Sewell, G. V. T. Marshall, G. V. T. Marshall (for Mrs. Ida Marshall), Percy Tester, and Ezra Abraham.

In proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, the Chairman said:

The Gross Profit is \$1,010,755.02 a slight increase on that of last year; the Net Profit \$1,252,428.04 is also somewhat more than the corresponding figure of 1939.

Our stocks are conservatively valued. Depreciation on Stocks and Plant and Property is generally speaking on the same basis as usual, but small increases have been made on special items.

There is only a slight reduction in our overdraft. This is due partly to our laying in larger stocks than usual, the replacement of which under present conditions is often subject to delay and difficulties of all kinds, partly to the financing of our partly construction programme, and partly to the payment for the land required for our new deep-water berth.

Foreshore Purchased
You will remember that when I addressed you last year, I referred to the necessity of our having a deep-water berth for large ships, in addition to the one under our giant crane.

With only one berth suitable for large ships under this crane, we were constantly having to move our vessels to the inconvenience of our clients and ourselves. During the year, we have completed the purchase from the Government of a new part of the foreshore out to deep water on the east side of our East Yard, and it is here that we are constructing the new deep-water berth. The foundations for the sea wall are now under construction.

Other than this, developments during the year have been small. A few new machines have been purchased, and a few minor improvements in the siting of existing machines and plant have been carried out with proved increase of efficiency, particularly in the case of the East Yard Ship-building machinery.

At a time like the present, though we have no special secrets to preserve, I am sure you will all realise that it is not desirable to broadcast our activities. Suffice it to say that in spite of the reduced amount of tonnage using the Port, we are satisfactorily busy.

Loyal Co-Operation
I should like, however, to say more than usual in appreciation of the loyal co-operation we are receiving from our Staff, both European and Chinese who are all working as if they thoroughly understood the importance of the national work upon which we are engaged.

By their efforts, we have been able, where necessary, to develop our facilities and overcome many of our difficulties, with the result that we are becoming more and more self-sufficient. The same spirit as has been evidenced in their regular duties with us has been displayed in their voluntary activities, and I have nothing but praise for the way in which both the European Staff and their wives and families accepted the evacuation order and made the best of a bad job.

I have no shadow of doubt that shareholders will approve the bonus to staff proposed, which is additional to the allowances we are making to both staff and workmen to meet the increased cost of living.

Allocation Of Profits
For shareholders we recommend a dividend of six per cent and a bonus of five per cent which will absorb \$454,897.30, a slightly larger proportion of our net profit than last year. The special War Taxation has cost us \$118,057.70 and of the balance remaining, we propose to put \$750,000 to General Reserve, and carry forward \$194,743.43 so that our position may be rendered as secure as we can make it. If ever there was a year when prudence should be our watchword, it is surely this one.

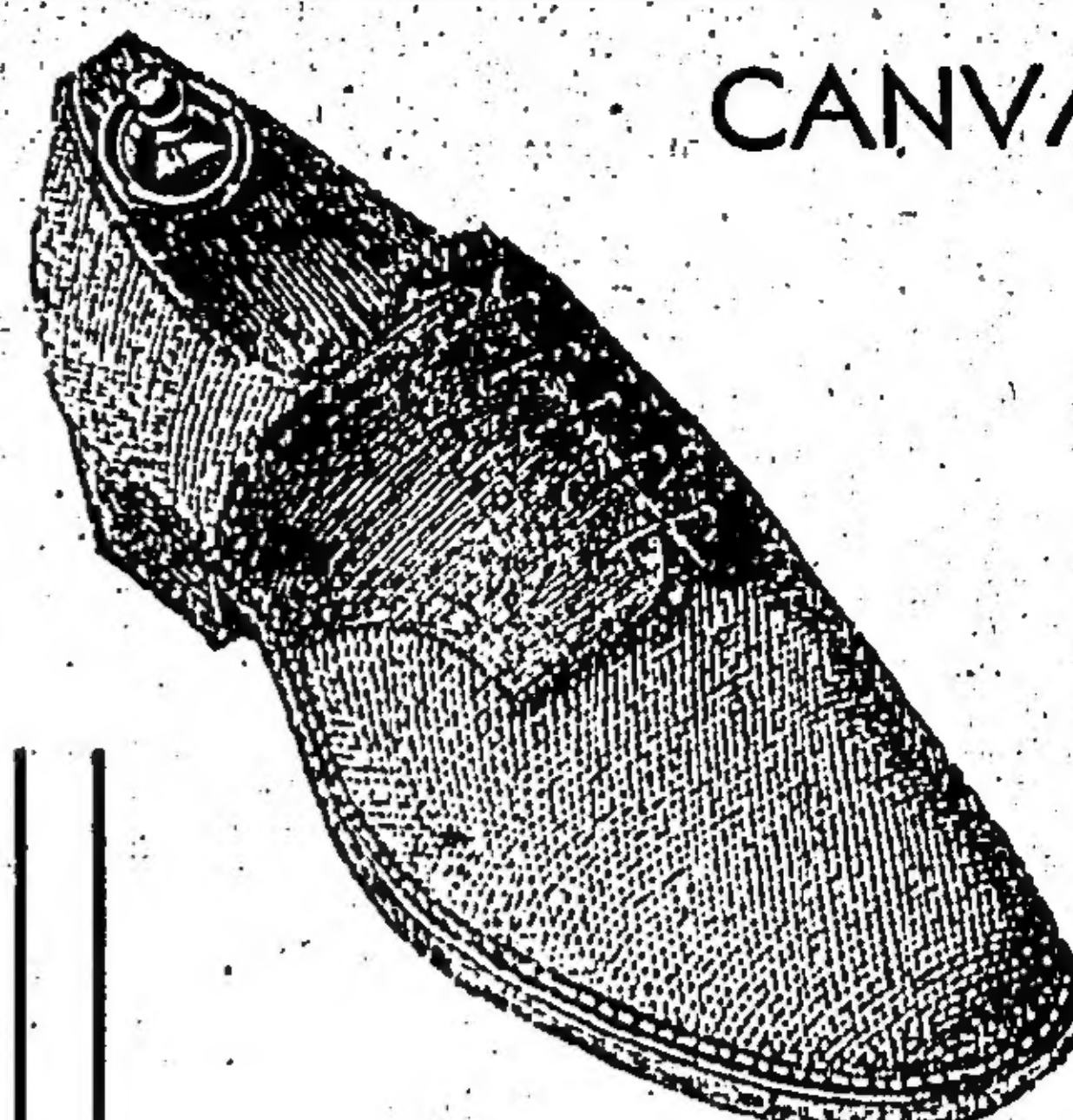
The lessons of the past, the obscurity of the future, and the considerable decrease in the amount of tonnage using the Port, have convinced your Board of the wisdom of strengthening our reserves, a policy which I feel sure will be wholeheartedly supported by shareholders.

I now formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields
The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields said: "It is gratifying to shareholders that after so many lean years the corner has been turned and I hope properly may continue for this Company which is one of the oldest and most important in the Colony."

I am sure that shareholders will heartily approve the proposed bonus to Staff. It is a matter for congratulation to be concerned that in spite of the long hardships such a competent and efficient staff has been held together. It is right that they should now share in our prosperity.

I welcome, Sir, your assurance that Stocks have been conservatively



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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOJI, March, 31 (Domei).—

The most ambitious engineering adventure in the history of Japan's traffic construction was crowned with success when the submarine railway tunnel under the Straits of Kwammon linking the western tip of the mainland with Kyushu was bored through on Sunday after, noon.

After completion of the subsidiary tunnel, boring of the main railway tunnel underneath the sea was started in June, 1939, and the first submarine railway passage in Japan has become a reality after one year and ten months of difficult work.

This is also believed to be the first passage under the sea with a pressure of 31.5 pounds in the world.

N. S. A. Reorganised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 31 (Domei).—

Simultaneously with the reorganisation of the National Service Association, the Government is considering definite measures to strengthen "the political power of the Cabinet."

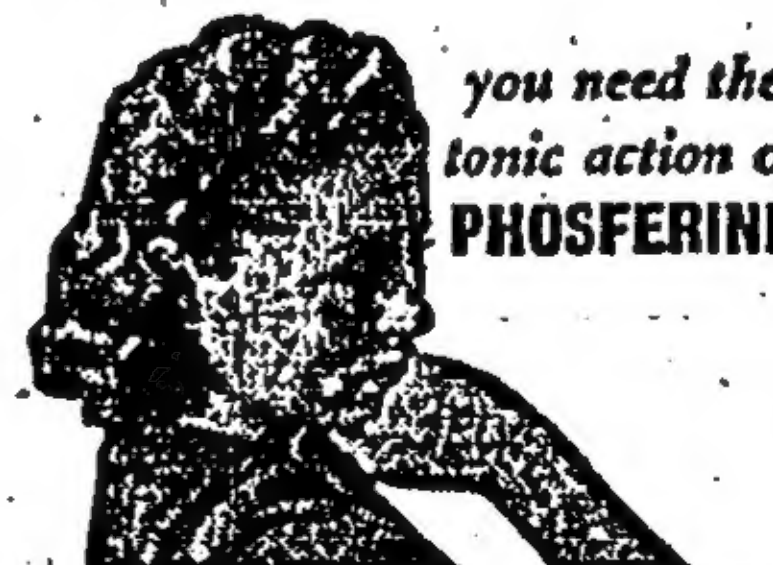
REFUSED TO GO TO HOSPITAL

Mr. J. G. Campbell of 149 Waterloo Road reported to the Police yesterday that when driving a car along Nathan Road opposite the Blue Taxi Company's garage at 9.15 p.m., an elderly Chinese man walking in the middle of the Road dodged from one side to another and was eventually knocked down. "The Chinese refused to go to hospital and to give his name and address."

FELL FROM BUS

Leung Sam, 42, a woman, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday in a serious condition following an accident near Kimberley Road. It was reported to the Police that Leung had alighted from a moving bus when the conductor was selling tickets.

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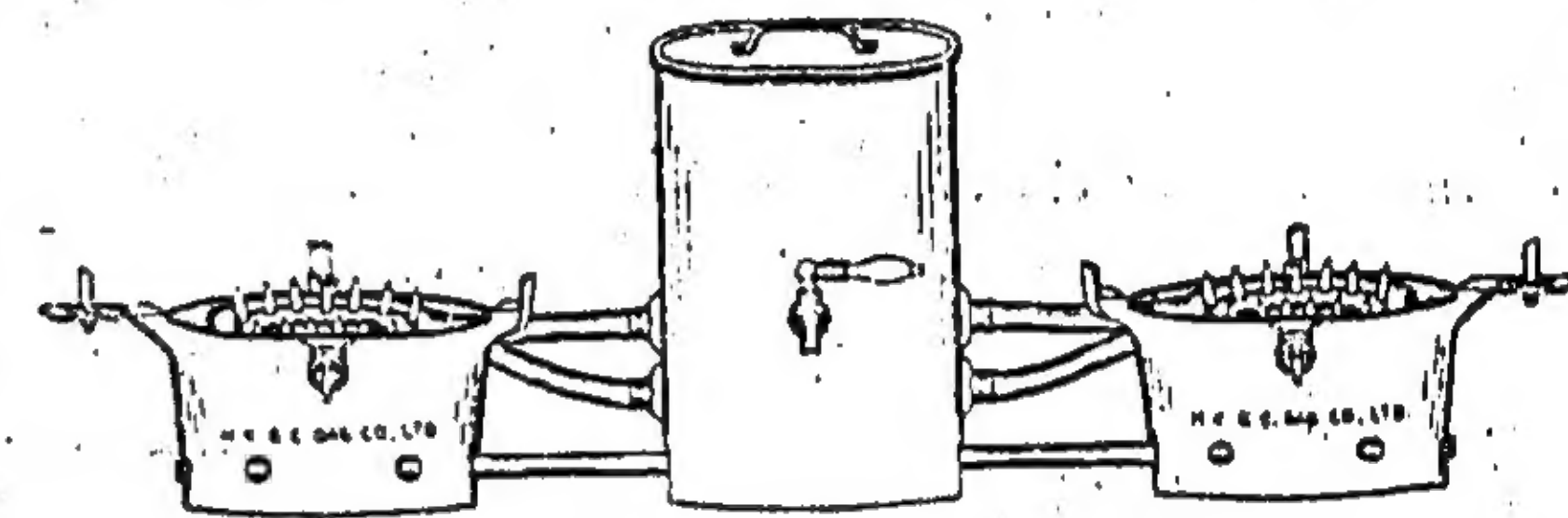
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Association Win Second Governor's Cup Match



Lee Wai-tong endeavouring to score through the back in the Governor's Cup match at Causeway Bay yesterday.—England Studio.

Kowloon Again Defeat Country Club At Golf

AMID CONDITIONS ideal, though biting cold, the Kowloon Golf Club beat the Country Club by 17½ points to 8 in their return golf match at Sheungshui yesterday.

Happy Valley Team to Meet Kowloon G.C.

THE FOLLOWING will represent the Happy Valley golfers against Kowloon at Sheungshui on Good Friday. The Kowloon team, together with the order of playing and pairings for the fourballs will be announced later.

H. H. Mundy (8) captain, D. S. Edward (3), K. S. Robertson (5), A. McKellar (6), A. C. I. Bowker (7), W. Sharp (7), T. Low (9), A. D. Humphreys (9), G. E. Willerton (12), N. J. Bebbington (12), C. F. J. Simpson (12), A. H. Penn (12), L. M. S. Lloyd (12), W. Stoker (13), G. Davies (14), W. Stoker (15), N. D. Booker (10) and M. A. Cairns (18).

Championship

Badminton To-day

The following is the amended Badminton Championship programme for this evening at the Kowloon C.C.

7 p.m. T. S. Young and H. K. Fung v. P. Lo and J. Tsang.
7.30 p.m. J. L. Anderson v. E. Zimmerman.
8 p.m. H. S. Jones v. J. Odell.
8.30 p.m. M. P. Young v. P. K. Hoel.
9.15 p.m. W. Gillies v. K. W. Choy.

Home Soccer Results

To-day's soccer results:
War Cup—Southern third round—Arsenal 2 West Ham 1; Cardiff 2 Tottenham 1; Northern—Barley 2 Sheffield United 1; Newcastle 2 Middleborough 0; Southern fourth round—Queens Park Rangers 2 Leicester 1; Northern—Manchester City 1 Preston North End 2.
South regional—Luton 3 Southampton 1; Portsmouth 3 Brighton 2; Southampton 2 Norwich 2; Watford 2 Bourne 0.
Southern League—Crystal Palace 1 Fulham 1; Stoke 4 Notts Forest 0; West Bromwich 4 Walsall 1; Aldershot 0 Millwall 3; Lincoln 3 Mansfield 1.
Northern regional—Blackburn 3 Wrexham 2; Blackpool 2 Manchester 0; Bradford 4 Bradford City 1; Burnley 1 Liverpool 2; Everton 0 Chesterfield 1; Grimsby 0 Hull 1; Oldham 3 Huddersfield 1; Rochdale 2 Leeds 3; Sheffield Wednesday 0 Burnley 2; Southport 2 Bolton 1; Tranmere 3 New Brighton 1.
Sheffield Cup (final)—Doncaster Rovers 3 Rotherham United 2.
London Cup—Brentford 2 Chelsea 2; Reading 0 Clapton Orient 0.
Scottish Cup—Aberdeen 2 Partick 3; Motherwell 4 Celtic 2; Morton 0 Albion 1; St Mirren 4 Hamilton 1; Rangers 0 Dumbarton 3; Third Lanark 1 Falkirk 2; Clyde 3 Queens Park 1; Hearts 3 Hibernian 2; Western Regional—Abermain 1 Bath 5; Lovells Bristol City 2—Reiter.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Brilliant Defenders Subdue Chinese Federation Forwards

(By "SCRAMBLER")

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S XI won the second leg of the Governor's Cup when they defeated a weakened CHINESE FEDERATION team by four goals to two yesterday at Causeway Bay ground, before a distinguished gathering including H.E. The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote. There was plenty of spirited football to be seen, and a feature of the game was the fine exhibition of goalkeeping put up by the two keepers, particularly Bankier, who was never in a better form than yesterday.

Attack Well Smothered

The Chinese defence had to bow for once to the Association's rearguard, where the Richards' trio of Freshwater, Bright and Thomas were a decidedly superior combination to the Chinese, and it was in this department that the winners excelled. Between the three of them, the Chinese attack was more often than not smothered, and it must be said that they lost much of their sting also when they had to play with only four forwards in the second half occasioned by the injury sustained by Chan Tak-fai late in the initial period, which forced him out of the game.

To the winners' honour must be given to their defence, where each of the five players pulled their weight. Bankier delighted with an excellent afternoon's work of superb goal keeping, where many of his saves were copybook work. In front of him were a pair of steady and sound backs, whose interception, clearing and anticipation had the Chinese forwards very often on the wrong foot.

The supremacy of their intermediate trio had much to do with the result of the match. Bright was an untiring worker, helping in the attack when the occasion demanded, and dropping back to the defence when pressed. In Freshwater and Thomas, he had two line wingers who were indeed a refreshing sight to see the three in action, and throughout the game they had fine control over their opponents.

Mediocre Forwards

In attack, their forwards were only mediocre, though Howlett led his men with dash. He initiated many a dangerous move, which more often than not was spoiled by his insubstantial inability to co-operate. Both Le Pake and Ferrier worked hard, but were unable to make use of the good work put in by their wingers, whose displays on the day were commendable. Fowler was seen to good advantage with his fast runs down the side line, while Rietsen was tricky. The goals scored were the result of their good work.

The Chinese did not function well as a team, and with the exception of the first twenty minutes of the game, they were mostly on the defensive. Lee Wai-tong was too well watched by the tireless Bright to be of much use, and without the aid of any good scheming inside-men to aid him, he was more like a passenger. Chan Tak-fai prior to

his injury was good, with his through runs, but Kwok Ying-kie did not come up to scratch due to the close attention paid him by Thomas.

The Chinese wingers were good, but found the close attention paid them by the backs had much to do with their inability to furnish a better testimonial. Wong King-chung's goal was the best of the match when he scored from thirty yards out.

Weak Halves

Hsu King-sing's role of a third back did not pay on the day's play, for he found that he was unable to give his forwards the help they were looking forward to. Moreover the close intricate passing game of the winners very often left him standing. Soong Ling-sing was the best of a mediocre trio, but he too was worked to a standstill, and because of his desire to help his forwards in the attack, he left Rietsen much alone for the latter to become dangerous. Lau Chung-sang was the weak spot in this department, and was unable to control the fast Fowler.

Both backs were erratic under pressure to reveal a semblance of his former self, where his steadiness under pressure was very much lacking. Although he cleared well at times, Hou Yung-sang did not appear to be confident. Sammy Tsang played as well as to be expected, and the goals scored against him were not his fault. He was however somewhat overshadowed by the spectacular display of Bankier.

The Game

As both keepers were called upon to clear during the first ten minutes of the game, the defence of the Association was seen to good advantage, and it was soon evident that they were holding the upper hand. Howlett put the Association one up when he headed the centre put in by Rietsen after the latter had been given the ball by Ferrier.

The Chinese went to the attack, and Chan Tak-fai had bad luck when he was rushed off his feet. Soon the Chinese player had to leave the field with a dislocated arm after a clash with Thomas. Bankier was penalised for carrying and Yeung Shui-yick equalised from the resultant kick.

Despite the handicap of playing with ten men, the Chinese took the lead through Wong King-chung when in a breakaway, the winger ran down the side line to send in a fast rising shot from about thirty yards out that had Bankier beaten all the way.

Crossing over with this slender lead, the Chinese were soon put on the defensive, and with the handicap of playing with ten men, this was soon told, when Rietsen's shot at goal after striking the cross bar was followed up by Fowler who made no mistake from close in.

With occasional breakaways, the Chinese were playing a great defensive game, and the halves were soon tiring. Bankier saved magnificently on several occasions, and Tang emulated his efforts at the other end. A penalty was awarded against the Chinese for a foul on Howlett, and Ferrier scored. The Association were doing most of the attacking, and Fowler scored his second goal when he crashed in Rietsen's pass from close quarters.

ASSOCIATION: Bankier; Roughley, Freshwater, Bright, Thomas; Fowler, Le Pake, Howlett, Ferrier, Rietsen.

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Softball

St Joseph's Halt Indians In Pennant Race

PENNANT ASPIRATIONS of the Indians were shattered yesterday when St Joseph's drove in five runs to the three at the softball park, Kowloon F.C., in one of the major tussles of the Senior League.

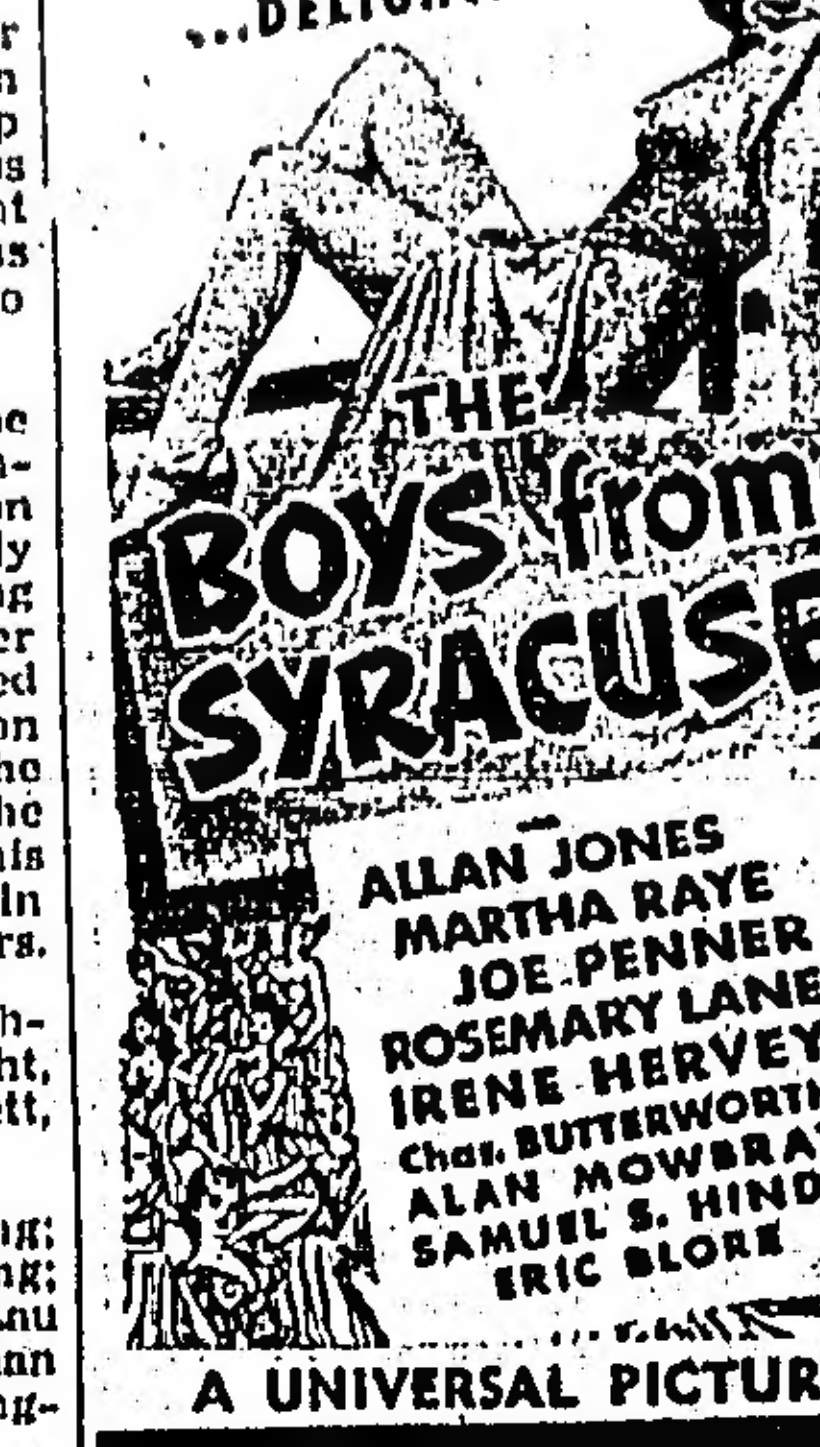
Fans went wild in the third frame when the Indians batted in three runs, the first and only score of the day, and left the Saints two runs behind. In the same inning, however, the Saints lashed out and also brought in three across the plate, but even when they scored another in the succeeding canto the game was far from over.

Then the Indians were whitewashed for the remaining four frames, and the Saints were left high and dry at the top of the League table.

Scores at a glance:
Recreo Aces 12, Filippinos 5.
St Joseph's 5, Indians 3.
Chinese 0, Recreo Aces 3.

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Club Beat Bank In Final Rugby Match

AFTER SHARING 10 points at the interval, Hongkong Bank went under the Hongkong R.U.F.C. by 16 points (two goals and two tries) to 5 (a goal) in the Club's final rugby match of the season at Happy Valley on Saturday.

It might be said that the heavy rain that fell was the turning point of the game, for in the second half the Club backs made a far better job of handling the slippery ball than did the Bank.

Thompson was very active behind the Club scrum, and opened up play on every possible occasion, while in the Club pack, Godfrey, Macrae, Redman and Burford were much in the limelight.

Thompson and Carruthers, the Bank's defenders, too, were in great form and saved many a try with brilliant and hard tackling. It was they who held the Club down in the early stages when Club were often threatening their line.

The Game

Bank scored first when Day cut through for a very good try that was converted by Aldenhead.

Club retaliated strongly, and evened matters when Godfrey touched down in a favourable position for Redman to convert.

The second half was all in Club's favour. They dominated play, and it was not surprising that three tries were scored (one converted). Thompson twice crossed Bank's line, but Redman and Burford each filled with the respective kicks.

Late in the half, Godfrey completed the scoring and Redman converted. Hongkong Bank—Thompson; Feilden, Day, Carruthers, and Matthews; Aldenhead and Harrington; Lee, Dunnet, Watson; Cairdner, Kennedy; Wyllie, Haynes and Moore.

Club—Van Leeuwen; Stewart, Charter, Morgan and Bosanquet; Thompson and Clemo; Macrae, Burford, Winkler; Neeldman, Hynes; Redman, Taylor and Godfrey.

Lawn Bowls

Kowloon C.C. Beat North Country Assn.

Though it may be difficult to estimate when one bowls season ends and when the other begins in Hongkong, one of the early matches of what might be called the new season was played at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, when the home side beat the Northumbria and Durham Association by 80 shots to 60.

Scores were:
A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, R. S. Meadows, W. Parsons lost to C. E. Turpin, S. Starling, S. Hodge, T. W. Carr 10-10.

A. E. P. Guest, H. Brokenshire, A. Stevens, J. Jack beat W. G. R. Coates, R. A. Haddock, C. Goudie, Fraser 21-10.

H. S. Capell, R. T. Burch, G. E. Taylor, J. C. Labrum beat E. Purvis, D. Tiddick, J. C. McGowan, J. V. Ramsey 20-16.

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood, T. A. Madar beat G. E. Gross, A. D. Spoor, J. Smith, T. Coleman 32-10.

Hongkong F.C. Annual Dinner

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Hongkong Football Club was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday night when some 150 members and guests gathered together. Mr. H. H. Forsyth, President of the Club, was in the Chair, and others included Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, (Colonial Secretary), Commodore A. C. Collinson, Col. J. T. Simson, Captain Heath (Army team captain), Lieut. K. Watson (Navy team captain), Mr. P. Cullinan (Police team captain), Mr. A. J. G. Taylor (Club captain), Mr. K. W. Forrow (Club soccer captain), Mr. C. Austin (Club Chairman).

The Chairman dealt in eloquent and amusing style with the activities of the Club during the year, and congratulated the Royal Navy on winning the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament.

Sir Atholl MacGregor replied for the Guests, and following the presentation of the Cup to the Navy captain, the captains of the Club and the Navy said a few words.

After dinner, the women guests joined the party which continued with dancing.

The King Sets Example At Nottingham

Two Unplaced Runners

LONDON, Mar. 29 (Reuters)—His Majesty the King, who led a good example, in encouraging other race-horse owners to keep the sport going despite reduced prizes and feeding difficulties, was unsuccessful in two attempts to win an early Flat Racing prize at Nottingham to-day, with his classic horses.

His Merry Wanderer started favourite for the New York Three-Year-Old Handicap, but finished third, the winner being Sir Malcolm McAlepine Kenney.

Merry Wanderer's stable-mate Longship started as a 100 to 1 long shot in the Cullum Three-Year-Old Plate, but also finished third.

His Majesty's trainer, Willie Jarvis, is pleased, however, with Longship's performance, but stated it was too early to say whether he will carry the Royal colours in the Derby.

T. A. Madar beat G. E. Gross, A. D. Spoor, J. Smith, T. Coleman 32-10.

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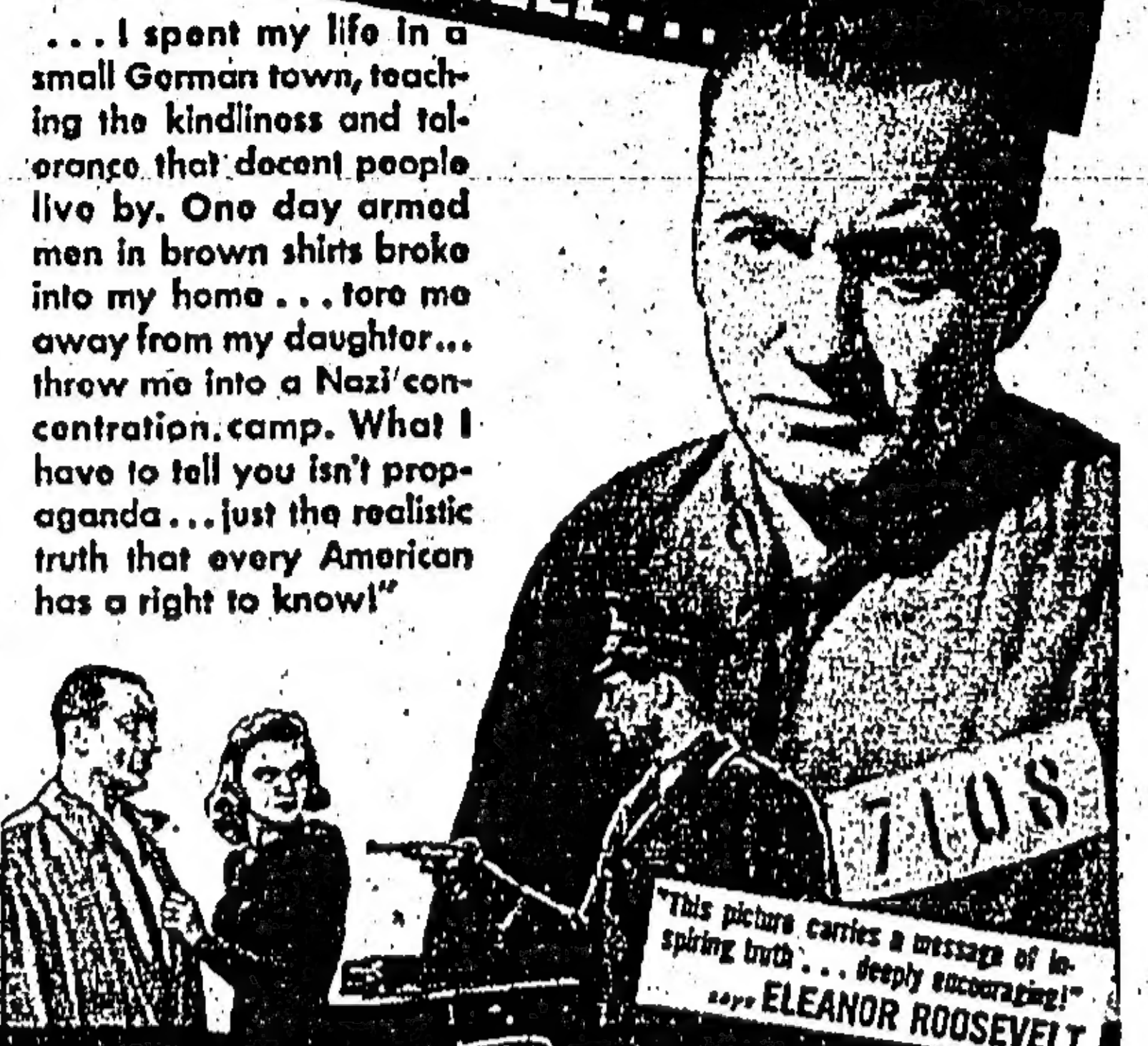


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Britain's Air Raid Shelters Sensation

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 30 (UP).—It is reported that the Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr Herbert Morrison, has ordered several hundred public surface shelters in Britain to be pulled down because they are made with faulty mortar and are not even able to withstand the weather. It is understood that the order followed a series of collapses.

The order affects 500 shelters in one town; nearly 60 accommodating 3,000 persons in a town near Birmingham, as well as many at Bristol.

Mr Harold Scott, Chief Administrative Officer of the London shelters told the local authorities: "The Minister of Home Security has decided that all communal public surface shelters built of unfired lime mortar must be closed." Provincial authorities have been ordered to examine all surface shelters for signs of weakness.

The morning newspapers revealed that these shelters were built 18 months ago at a cost of several million pounds sterling to the specifications of Government experts when there was a shortage of mortar and cement. The experts advised a substitute for the chief components which were lime and sand. The experts then said they were "just as good as cement."

It is reported that these shelters are unable to withstand the blast of even small bombs dropped some yards away.

Mr Herbert Morrison, is also considering making it compulsory for everybody in Britain to wear gas masks when away from home as a result of the lackadaisical response to the recent official warnings that the Germans may possibly use gas.

De Gaulle At Keren

CAIRO, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, recently visited the Free French forces on the Keren front.

KING'S PRAISE Indians At Keren

NEW DELHI, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the Viceroy: "I heartily congratulate India on the part her armed forces have played in the capture of Keren. This victory in the face of heavy odds has added fresh laurels to India's military renown."

The Viceroy replied: "Your Majesty's gracious words will be most deeply valued by all ranks in the Indian armed forces and will be of the greatest possible encouragement to them."

Booklet On Battle Of Britain

LONDON, Mar. 30 (British Wireless).—The author of the 8,000-word booklet, "Battle of Britain," is H. St. G. Saunders, who has written a number of thrillers but probably never such an exciting one as this in which he records the story of the Luftwaffe's defeat at the hands of R.A.F. fighters.

Saunders, who is a civilian member of the Air Ministry Intelligence Section, had the advantage of the assistance of some six other members of the Section in collecting, checking and re-checking the facts set out in the booklet.

Fifty thousand copies of the "Battle of Britain" have already been sold and a further 300,000 have been ordered by the general public.

NANKING REGIME

First Anniversary

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—March 30 celebrations marking the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Nanking regime passed off without incident in Nanking, according to reports reaching here.

Wang Ching-wei, President of the Nanking Japanese-sponsored Government, opened the celebrations in the morning with a speech re-affirming the co-operation of the Nanking regime with Japan.

City Decorated

The entire city was bedecked with bunting and flags of the new regime and later Wang Ching-wei reviewed units, troops and guards of the new regime at the Central Military Academy.

The first day celebrations ended with a communique ball in the evening at the International Club in which discussions for setting up the regime had first taken form over a year ago.

Shanghai Quiet

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—March 30 passed without incident here though the police in both the International Settlement and the French Concession greatly increased the number of barricades and had numerous search parties on the streets.

It was feared that an outbreak of terrorism would mark the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Nanking Government.

STRIKES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (Reuters).

The strikes in the various United States defence industries show some improvement.

It is announced that a Settlement has been reached in the Bethlehem Steel Company's works at St. John, Pennsylvania.

C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organisation) workers at a meeting in Chicago agreed to return to work immediately at four International Harvester Company factories which have been closed for eight weeks.

Entered Closed Port

River Captain Fined

Capt. R. Parcou, master of a river steamer, was fined \$40, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment, by Comdr T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning, when he admitted allowing his ship to enter the Tathong Channel, a prohibited and controlled area, whilst the "port closed" signal was hoisted at Cape d'Agulhar on March 10.

A naval officer said that at the time in question the visibility was about half a mile and he was instructed to inform the master of the steamer by wireless to watch out for the signals at Cape d'Agulhar.

Capt. Parcou said that when he came in at 6.30 a.m. he saw a red light at Cape d'Agulhar but about ten minutes later, on his return to the bridge after having had a cup of tea, he could not see it. It was very misty at the time.

Comdr Stiff: If you are not certain of the signal you are to keep well clear. Don't you know of that regulation?

Capt. Parcou: Naturally, I do.

Comdr Stiff: I shall have to fine you \$40, in default ten days.

Junk Foki Offends

For a similar offence, Cheung Kwai, foki in charge of trading junk T548011, was fined \$20, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

It was stated that defendant's junk was found anchored in the minefield on March 29.

Defendant pleaded that it was his first visit to Hongkong and was not aware of the regulations. He added that his mainsail had broken down and he anchored there to mend it.

Communists Climb Down

CHUNGKING, Mar. 31 (International).

It was learned to-day that the Communists have withdrawn the twelve demands on the People's Political Council conditional on the seven Communist members taking part in that organisation. It is said that all differences between the Communists and the Central Authorities have been adjusted.

The Communists have realised that their cause finds little support and that their intransigent attitude would weaken the united front. Their loyal support with the co-operation of the Central Authorities has been renewed since March 25.

Nazi Bomber Downed

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight to-day, one of them crashing near Middleburgh, shot down by a Spitfire patrol. All the crew were killed.

NEW WORLD BY MR ATTLEE

—Eradicate Fear

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—Looking ahead to the day when Britain will have won the war and peace, Mr C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal speaking in Glasgow to-day, predicted that in the new world, war would be abolished and the shameful blot of poverty in the midst of plenty would be removed.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear—fear of destruction either by war or by want. These are the two things which have oppressed the people of the twentieth century."

ENEMY PATROL SHIP SUNK

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—With a single bomb, a Coastal Command Blenheim to-day sank a German anti-submarine vessel off the Estuary of the Loire. The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry. There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.

Nazi Freighter Leaves Shai

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobtrusive departure from Shanghai during the week-end of the large German freighter Ramzes, which had been tied up in the local harbour since the outbreak of war.

The present whereabouts of the Ramzes are not disclosed but it is unofficially stated that she has headed for Japan.

It is learned that the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities. Water-front circles in Shanghai believe that the Ramzes, which is of 7,800 tons, will most probably be converted into a raider.

The only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the Italian Conte Verde, of 18,500 tons.

Bank Of China

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—"Reuters" has been authorised to make the following statement by the Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China: "The necessary repairs to their building having completed, the offices of the Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China will resume business on Tuesday, April 1."

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British Bombers Light Up The Coast

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Kent coast. Many braved the bitter wind to watch the spectacle and they felt the bomb explosions.

Daylight Patrols
LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk to-night. Explosions were heard from the British side and fires were seen in the direction of Calais.

Earlier during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except one bomber which was driven off. The swoop of the R.A.F. on the German invasion ports along the French coast to-night was intensive and heavy. Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view. Bombs and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk and clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires while the thud of many heavy explosions could be clearly heard.

Ships Bombed
LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The R.A.F., continuing their policy of seeking out and attacking German shipping off the French and Dutch coasts have announced that three such ships were machine-gunned and bombed off the Dutch coast in addition to the destruction of the anti-submarine vessel in the Loire Estuary.

"Best News Since Beginning Of War"

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units to cut off the Italian line of retreat to Bari, Brindisi and other bases while the R.A.F. announced yesterday hammered the Lecce aerodrome in order to diminish the air support.

A Press Ministry official said "this is the best news since the beginning of the war."

Italy's Lost Navy
The great strength with which Italy entered the war is now reduced by about one third. Italy started the war with seven heavy cruisers, ten of the Condottieri class and two colonial cruisers plus the old San Giorgio, but fourteen more of various classes were being built, some of which have probably since been completed.

Previous cruiser casualties were the Bariolomoe Colonn, one unnamed cruiser of the Condottieri class and the San Giorgio, while the Bolzano was reported to be badly damaged. Out of the 127 destroyers, 12 have been previously reported sunk and one captured by the Greeks.

Colony Warned

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been introduced in the Empire solely as part of the war effort and, although this Government is doing everything in its power to present fully to the Home authorities local aspects of the matter, the final decision will have to be taken in London, as the centre of the war effort, almost exclusively from the point of view of national necessity and largely without regard to previous decisions taken when national circumstances may have been different.

The authorities in London with their wider grasp of the situation as a whole may decide, for reasons which may not in the public interest be fully divulged or which may not appear adequate in Hongkong, that this further step must be taken by Hongkong. If so, the public may at least be assured that their interests in the matter have for several months been considered by the Home authorities in much greater detail than war conditions normally permit.

Meanwhile, new remittances, as distinct from existing remittances, have already ceased except in the case of husbands of evacuated families.

The question of provision of passages for persons who would be affected by any restriction by reason of the evacuation is understood to be under consideration by H.M. Treasury in the United Kingdom.

U. S. Envoy To China
WASHINGTON, Mar. 29 (Central News).—Mr. Clarence E. Gaus, newly-appointed United States Ambassador to China, will return here yesterday from Australia, will proceed to Chungking early in April. Mr. Gaus may fly to Hongkong by Clipper en route to Chungking.

A Royal Navy patrol vessel collided with a Junk off Stanley on Saturday night. The sixteen Chinese on board were rescued but the Junk was waterlogged. Nobody was injured.

LATE NEWS

French Fire On British Warships

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merchant ships succeeded in entering the nearby French port of Nemours in Algeria.

"During the return of our forces to Gibraltar, they were twice attacked by French bomber formations without suffering damage or casualties."

Vichy Version
VICHY, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—The French version of the Anglo-French convoy incident says: "A considerable British naval force attacked at 9 a.m. this morning in French territorial waters between Nemours and Oran a convoy of four French merchant ships bound from Casablanca to Oran under an escort of a single French destroyer."

The convoy took shelter in the port of Nemours under the protection of its escort, naval shore batteries and aircraft which replied to the fire of the aggressors and drove them off. "The convoy is safe and unharmed."

The French version of the Anglo-French convoy incident, given in the French Admiralty communiqué, also claims that the cargo of the merchant ships, concerned consisted solely of commodities and products destined to supply the native population of Algeria, namely, rice, sugar, barley, etc. It adds: "All evidence and the routes followed by the ships along the Algerian coast goes to show that it was a transshipment between two French possessions. The attack on the convoy by the British warships cannot, therefore, be explained by the necessities of blockade, the object of which is to prevent cargo ships taking food-stuffs to belligerent countries."

The communiqué proceeds to contend that the British "attack" was entirely unjustifiable and "incomprehensible."

Rubber From Bangkok

LONDON, Mar. 30 (Reuters).—It is revealed in London to-night that at least one of the four French ships challenged by British naval units in the Mediterranean was carrying a cargo of rubber and Germany is very short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles that at least one of these ships sailed from Bangkok with rubber which would inevitably find its way across the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always fully maintained her rights under International Law to search ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany, and it has long been notorious that French merchantmen have been carrying to French metropolitan ports various materials, a high proportion of which was immediately appropriated by Germany.

Strange Attitude

It is considered here a strange reflection of French policy, that she should attack British forces at the very time when the British Navy was engaged in destroying the warships of France's enemy, Italy.

Moreover, the French action, as seen in London, appears particularly untimely when Britain has indicated here her willingness to abrogate her international right to the extent of allowing the passage of certain food-stuffs in order to relieve the sufferings in Unoccupied France caused by German rapacity.

30 AXIS SHIPS SEIZED BY U.S.

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over the ships and that there is no limit to the time that they may be kept in custody, but it was insisted that the mere fact that sabotage was attempted did not justify confiscation.

One official said that the officers and crews would be taken over by Immigration officials. The crews of the five vessels in New York will be sent to Ellis Island. Those involved in the alleged sabotage will be prosecuted.

Secret Operation

Secretary Morgenthau acted swiftly and the entire operation was secret. Reporters and photographers were barred from the ships and the only information came from the official spokesman. Diplomats were caught unawares and no comment is expected immediately from the Italian Embassy.

Vice Admiral Robert H. Withnold, the German Naval Attaché said that the move was "interesting." The First Secretary of the Embassy, Herbert von Stempel declined to comment.

Senator George said he thought the Government acted wisely on the basis of alleged sabotage. He added that the United States as a non-belligerent, could legally have denied shelter to the ships, but since it had provided the vessels with a haven, they were entitled to protection.

Warlike Act

Senator Burton Wheeler proclaimed that Secretary Morgenthau's action was "another step towards involving the nation in war, against the wishes of 85 per cent of the people." He agreed with Senator George, however, that the Axis would probably consider the seizure as a warlike act. Senator George believed that the United States could use funds from the seven billion dollar aid fund to purchase the ships, and once acquired, there was no obstacle in transferring them to Britain "to meet her cry for ships, ships and more ships." However, such a plan would rest upon the willingness of the owners to sell. He pointed out that if the United States entered the war, it could seize the vessels of enemy nations.

Others May Follow Suit

Informed financial quarters predicted that other American nations will follow the example of the United States and prevent the possibility of sabotaged ships being sunk in their harbours. They gave the impression that the eventual goal is to place the Axis ships on Hemispheric trade routes by special arrangement. It was also suggested that the totalitarian Governments anticipated the intention of the United States to obtain use of the ships, and decided to cripple them. It was noted that German ships left Brazil recently, indicating that the Axis anticipated the possibility of similar action being taken by other nations in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. W. H. G. Hirst of No. 274, Prince Edward Road, reported to the Police yesterday that some person had forced his way into his house and stole clothing and jewellery valued at \$100.

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